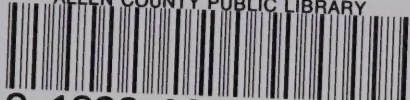


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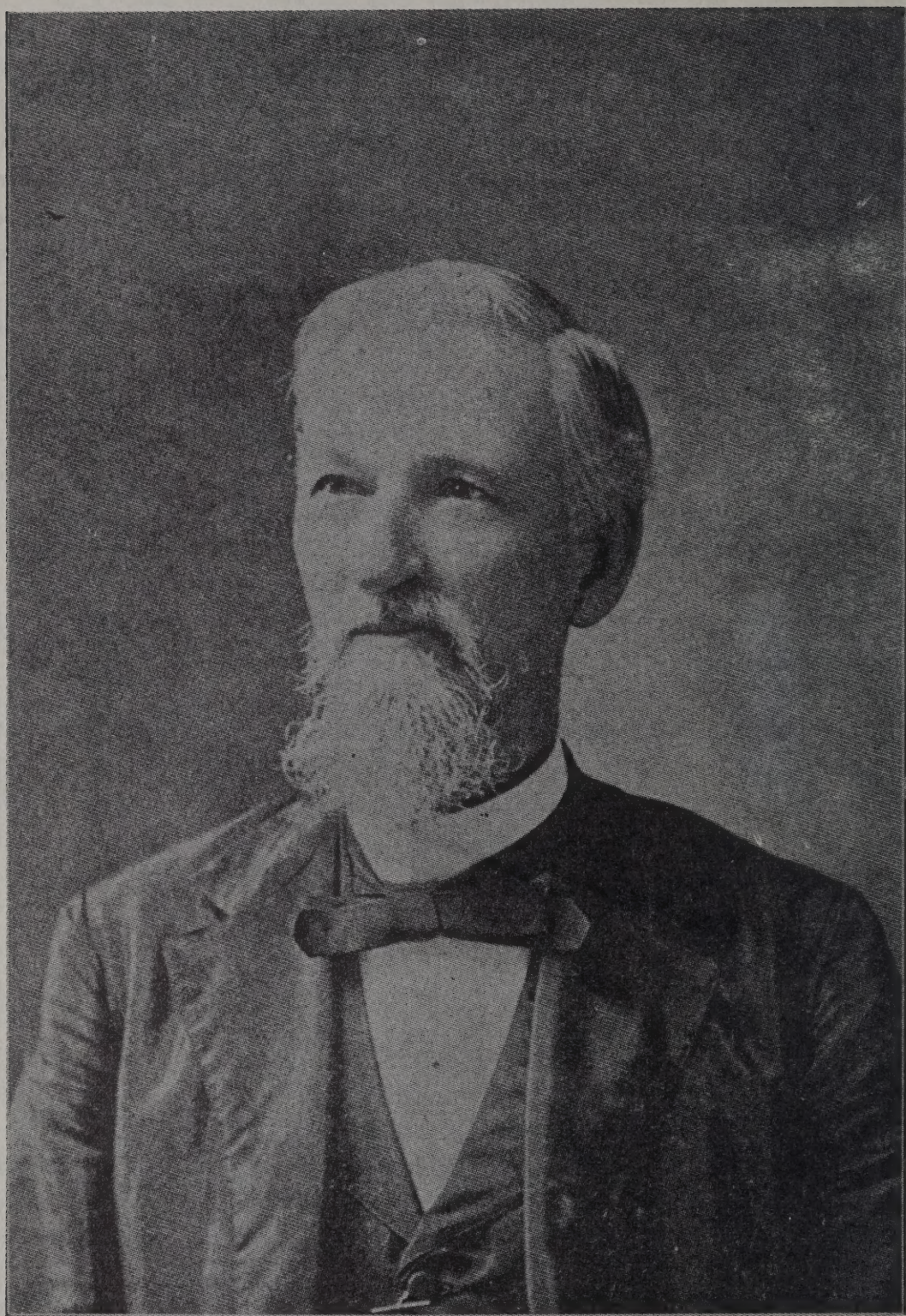
DEDICATION

Just inside the gate of the old cemetery at Midway, to the right, is a single remaining headstone designating the resting place of William Baker, the second deacon. This headstone is the last tangible link binding the present generation of Bakers with the early and prosperous days of Midway Church. The line of male descent from the earliest records of Midway included in the History are: William Baker, the first deacon, reported also to be buried in the old cemetery, but the location of his grave has apparently been lost; William Baker, the second deacon; Daniel Baker, the last Baker of his line born in Midway Parish in 1791; William Munford Baker I; William Munford Baker II; Albert Lundy Baker I, and the writer of this dedication; Albert Lundy Baker II; and now, Albert Lundy Baker III, aged five at this writing. Eight generations of known history.

The preparation of this volume, in collaboration with Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Quarterman, and their talented artist daughter, Leonora, has been a labor of love, spurred on through the usual publication problems by a very deep interest in maintaining proper genealogical records, but also and principally by admiration for the courageous Midway group who established themselves and prospered for a while in a swampy land, with bad living conditions, and with primitive tools, but who left a very courageous mark on the history of the South, and of our church.

Miss Marianne Pascale, of my staff, has been wholly responsible for the collation of material, and the solving of the vexatious publishing problems.

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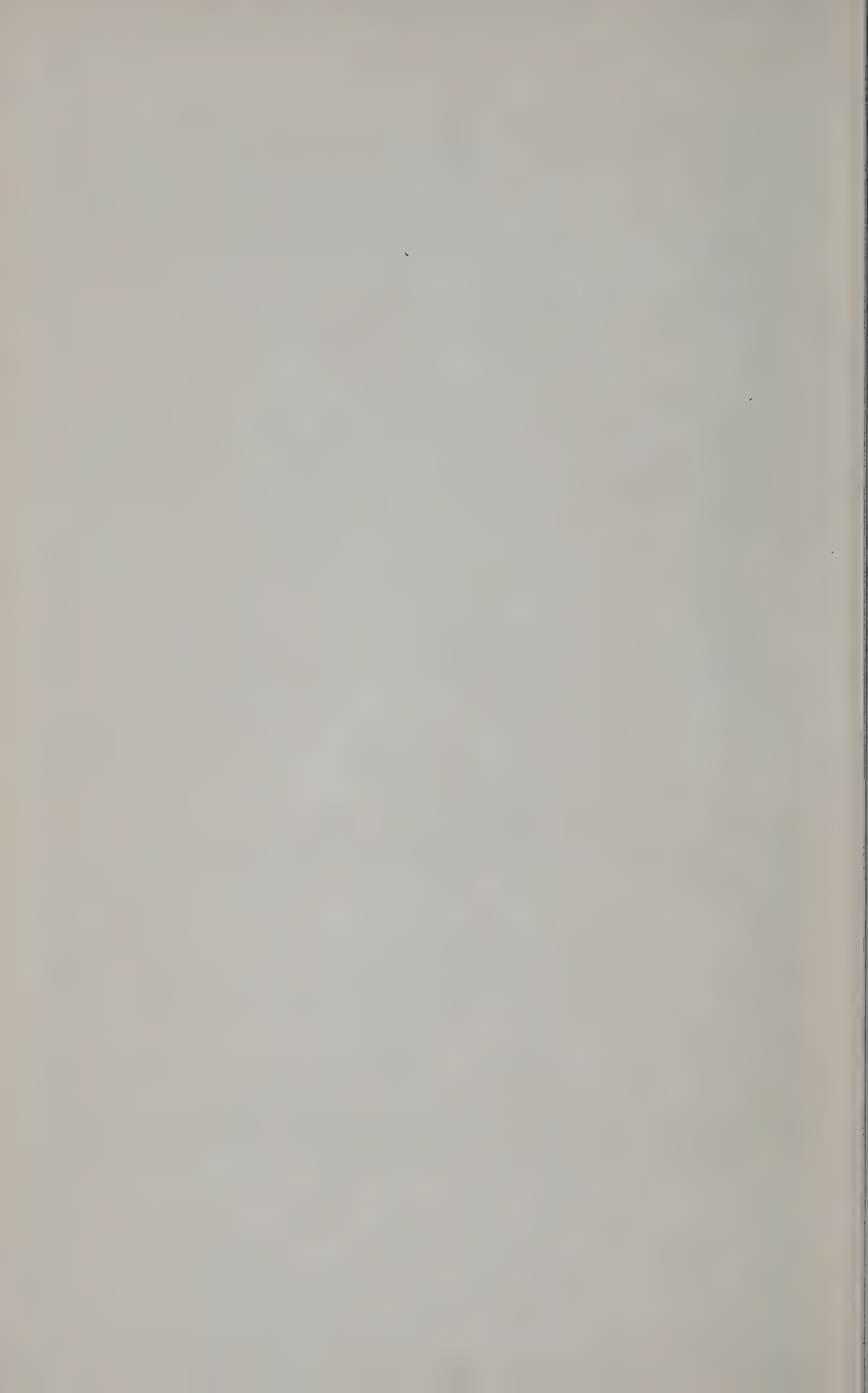
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TO THE READER

The following pages were prepared during the idle moments and such scraps of time as the writer could afford to take from an otherwise active and busy pastorate. Though a volume of unpretending size, considerable labor was required in its preparation, on account of the dispersion of the people and the removal by death of all the older citizens. Had the writer only commenced the work of gathering materials at an earlier date, before the death of the older people, who were familiar with the early history of the church, he would have been spared a vast deal of labor and at the same time been able to produce a work much more satisfactory to himself and to his readers.

To the many friends who have rendered assistance, he returns his grateful acknowledgements. Especially does he feel under obligations to the Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn, now of Stewart Station, Alabama, who was not only born and reared among the Midway people, but was also pastor for seven years, and who, though now an octogenarian, is still in possession of his faculties and powers in a remarkable degree.

He must also express his great regret, that after all his care, several typographical and other errors have crept in to mar the work. He would call attention to a few of these, especially such as concern the statement of facts.

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1. By the omission of the word 'not' on page 77, (corrected) first line, the writer is made to affirm that there were church organizations at the different Retreats, just the reverse of what he intended to say.

2. The statement on page 93, concerning the ordination of Dr. Buttolph, needs correction. He was not ordained by Charleston Presbytery, but by Georgia Presbytery at Flemington, November 19, 1854.

3. On page 141, in giving the number of ministers, mention was made of only 'one Episcopalian.' On page 186 the name of Rev. H. K. Rees was added, making two. There should still be added a third, that of Rev. W. R. McConnell, who was the son of Dr. Wm. P. and Ann A. McConnell, born at Riceboro, October 31, 1829, and who after one year in South Carolina college, and serving through the Confederate war, was ordained as Episcopal minister by Bishop Beckwith, January, 1879, and at present is engaged in mission work on the Ogeechee river. So that instead of one, there are three Episcopal ministers going out from the old church, with a total of eighty-three instead of eighty-one.

4. The foot note on page 171 is misleading, having reference more particularly to the lower portion of the county. A small Methodist church was organized at Taylor's Creek in connection with the Ohoopie circuit, as early perhaps as 1808.

5. On page 196 please read Anna for Julia McKinne, as matron of the Augusta Orphans' Home.

6. Then on page 287, the statement concerning the burning of the Walthourville parsonage is erroneous. The parsonage at Walthourville was never burned. It was Dr. Axson's own plantation home that

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was consumed by fire, after his removal to it from Walthourville.

It is a matter of great regret that no pictures could be obtained of the three early pastors, Rev. Messrs. Osgood, Allen and Murphy.

Asking the kind indulgence of the reader, and invoking God's blessing upon the effort, we send forth this little volume upon its mission.

Respectfully,

JAMES STACY.

Newnan, Ga., August 1, 1899.

PREFACE TO REVISED EDITION

In presenting a revised and more perfect edition of this work, the body of which is already in print, the writer would make the following corrections, and give some additional statements.

He would ask the reader to note the following:

As to Dates: Page 338, change the date of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman from August 12, 1775 to 1755. Page 53, the conveyance of Mark Carr from 1858 to 1758. The time of the death of Col. John Baker from June 9th to June 3rd.

As to Names: Page 190, read Adeline for Caroline, wife of Rev. D. J. Myrick. Page 135, for P. A. read P. H. Mell, Jr. Page 162, Claudius Augustus for Caesar Augustus Baker, Page 135, State Polytechnic School for State Military School.

Pages 71 and 342, there is an error in the statement that Rev. C. Gildersleeve married Rennie widow of U. S. Senator John Elliott; it was the widow of John Elliott, Sr., father of the Senator, whom he married.

Pages 123 and 364, Col. J. M. Kell, Jr., was the great grandson of Hester, not Margery McIntosh.

Page 159, Rev. S. E. Axson was buried at Rome, not Savannah.

Page 135, in the article on Profs. John and Joseph LeConte, there is an omission in not stating the fact that the latter was also professor at Athens in connection with his brother John before going to the University of South Carolina.

Page 175, the statement is made that Dr. P. H. Mell was made chancellor in 1860 needs correc-

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tion; he was made vice-chancellor only and not chancellor till 1878.

Page 275, the reason for the suicide of Dr. Porter was, as tradition avouches, his unfortunate engagement to two ladies at the same time, not his rejection by either.

To the names of Presbyterian ministers gone out from the Old Church should be added that of Rev. Lowndes Walthour Curtis, youngest son of the late Rev. Dr. Wm. Curtis, and Amanda Walthour, who after his graduation at Princeton Seminary in 1895, went out as missionary to Laos, Siam, under the Presbyterian Board, New York, where he labored until his wife's health failed, and then returned to this country, and has been supplying the church at Avondale, Ala. Thus making fifty-one instead of fifty Presbyterian ministers and a total of eighty-three instead of eighty-two going out from the church.

It may also be worthy of notice, that it was his sister, Miss Mary C. Curtis, who married December 21, 1876, the lamented Dr. D. C. Rankin, who was the honored Editor of 'The Missionary,' of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and who died December 28th of last year in Korea when on a missionary tour of observation.

In writing the history of Midway Church, it is worthy of remark that the mother of Hon. Chas. H. Smith ('Bill Arp'), lived for awhile in the neighborhood of the Old Church and worshipped at her altars. The story of her early life, - of her misfortune - in the loss of her parents, the long separation from her brother, her life in the Savannah orphanage, and after honored and useful life, have already been so graphically pictured by Mr. Smith himself, that it is needless to be repeated here. All that I further

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desire to do, is to emphasize the fact, that his mother, then a girl, a little Miss Caroline McGuire, was taken out of the Orphan's Home and lived for some time in the family of Mrs. Margaret Williamson, then Mrs. Howell, and formerly Mrs. Goulding, the mother of Dr. Thomas Goulding and grand aunt of the writer, where she attended the services of Midway church and received some of her earliest impressions and training, and where she remained till after the death of Mrs. Williamson, when she became a member of the Alston family, in the up country, near Lawrenceville, Ga., and a pupil of Mr. Asahel R. Smith, whom she afterwards married, and became the mother of the Hon. Chas. H. Smith.

There is one other interesting fact I should like to have had incorporated in the body of the work, touching the life and ministerial character of Rev. Dr. McWhir. Though a Presbyterian minister in good and regular standing, yet secretly at heart he seemed to have been a Unitarian. The singular and striking thing was, that he was convinced and converted under his own preaching. When preaching one day, as the story goes, the thought flashed through his mind that, if what I have said be true, then I am no Christian. Further reflection and study led not only to a change of his views, but also of his whole life. Why may not a man, be converted, as well as built up, under his own preaching? It is the truth, and not the man that does the work.

The book concludes with the statement that the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt was then Governor of the great State of New York. Since then he has been elevated to the Presidency. Thus it appears that in addition to other things the great honor has been put upon the Old Church, actually to furnish one of the Presidents of the United States in the person of one of her regular descendants.

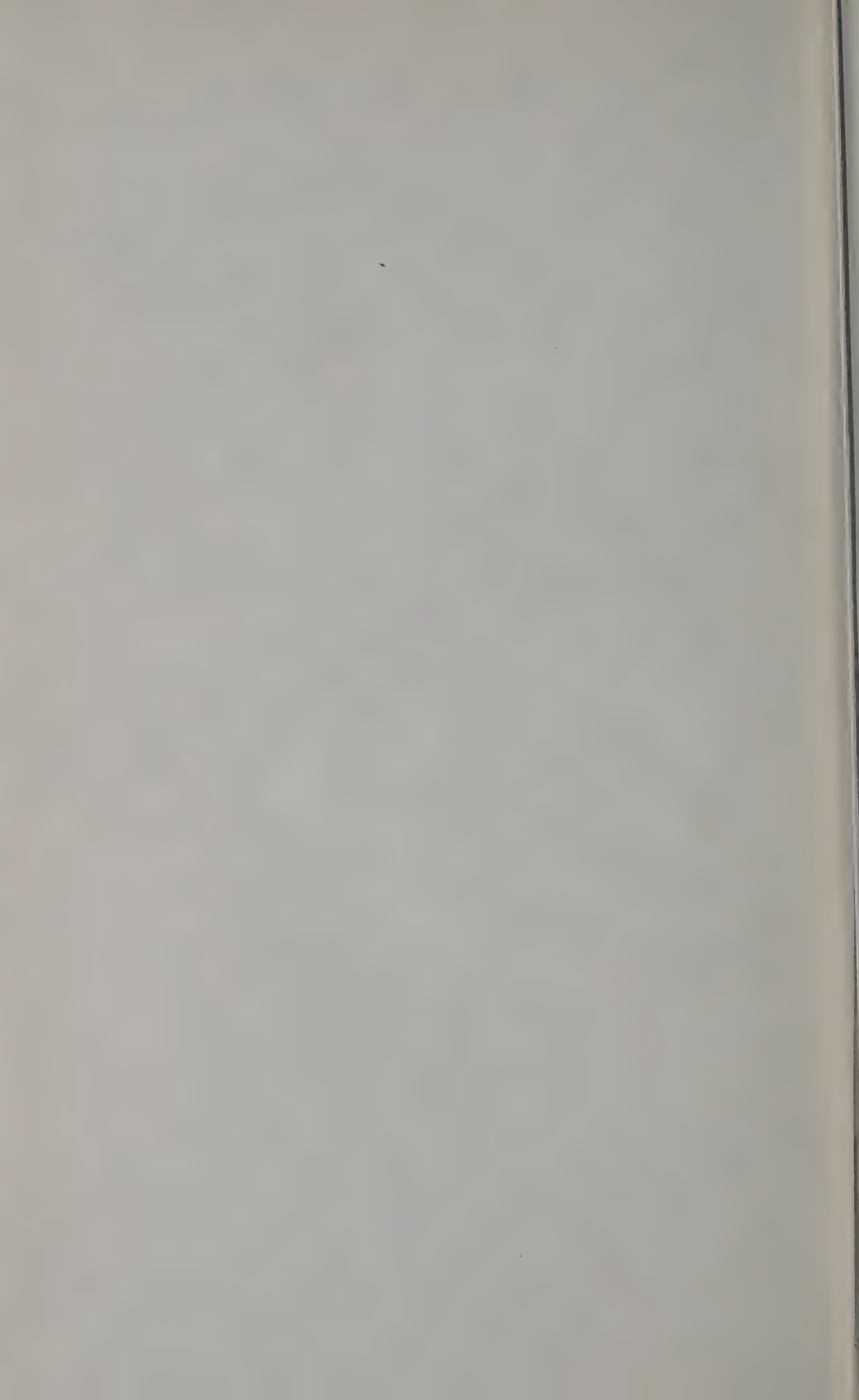
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No one regrets more than the writer himself that so little is said, and in many instances, there is an even entire omission, of so many prominent families. It was his intention to add a few chapters with a view of supplying this deficiency, but the lack of suitable data as well as the necessary increase of expense, has forbidden the execution of the purpose.

The reader will see however that the work has been embellished with two additional cuts. One of the ancient town of Dorchester, S. C., and the other of Hon. John Elliott, U.S. Senator from Liberty county, neither of which has ever been published before, and which no doubt will add materially to the worth of the volume. Respectfully,

Newnan, Ga., August 10, 1903.

J. S.



HISTORY

of

MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CHAPTER I

Introduction

I propose writing a history of the Old Midway Congregational Church, Liberty County, Georgia, for the reasons: (1) It has a history to write. (2) Many of the sources of information are fast passing away, and unless now gathered will soon be gone and gone forever. (3) None but one reared in her bosom and thoroughly conversant with her spirit and home life, as well as in sympathetic touch with her present embarrassments and trials, can competently speak on her behalf, which necessarily fixes the duty upon some one of her few surviving sons. (4) Being recently made Historiographer of the Synod of Georgia, it falls properly within the sphere of my duty to undertake the task. The history of that people is so interwoven with that of the Presbyterian Church in Georgia, that to write one is, to a great extent, to write that of the other. (5) Then, lastly, gratitude to God, for having cast my lot in such a community, and giving me such an ancestry, as well as the ten thousand sacred memories of the past, and the innumerable tender, loving recollections of so many of her sainted dead, alike prompt me to undertake the work of gathering up and preserving for future generations, the simple annals of a people so wonderfully blest of God, and with a history so singularly unique, and in many

respects so very marked and extraordinary.

Previous History

In the early part of the year 1630, a company of Puritan emigrants, gathered principally from the counties of Devon, Dorset, and Somersetshire, met at the New Hospital, Plymouth, England, with a view of emigrating to the New World. After a day of fasting and prayer, and a sermon by Rev. John White, who had manifested deep interest in their undertaking, they selected Rev. John Warham of Exeter, and Rev. John Maverick, as their ministers. On March 30, 1630, the colony embarked for New England, in a vessel of four hundred tons, chartered for the purpose, named 'Mary and John', and commanded by Captain Squeb. There were one hundred and forty passengers - a company of God-fearing people - as we are told, 'the word of God was preached and expounded every day during the voyage.'¹ After seventy days' sailing, they entered the harbor of Nantasket, May 30, 1630, and after a few days' reconnoitering, landed at Matapan, where in the course of the summer, they laid off their town, which they named Dorchester, in honor of the old home of so many of them in England, and also that of Rev. John White, their friend and patron.

Removal to Windsor

After a residence of five years at Dorchester, the colony became dissatisfied, when the greater portion removed during the latter part of 1635, to Connecticut, and settled at Mattaneang, now known as Windsor, on the bank of the Connecticut river;

1. His. Dor. Boston, 1859, Page 18.

their places at Dorchester, however, being soon filled with other emigrants, chiefly those who came with Rev. Richard Mather from England. Rev. John Warham accompanied the colony to Windsor, where he lived till his death, April 1, 1670, Rev. Mr. Maverick having died at Boston, February 3, 1636, before completing his arrangements to go with them to Windsor.

The Carolina Colony

In the year 1695, some sixty years after the removal to Windsor, some of the Puritan element having reached the shores of Carolina, and being destitute of religious ordinances, they sent an invitation to Dorchester, Mass., for someone to come and minister to them in holy things. The request was sent to Dorchester doubtless for the reason that some of the petitioners had either come from that place, or from the same neighborhood in England. Hence, Rev. Mr. Danforth, their pastor, in his farewell sermon reminds them "of the importunity, both by letter and otherwise, that was used, and that a minister should be sent, and he should be ordained also. Sundry godly Christians there being prepared for, and longing after, the enjoyment of all the edifying ordinances of God; there being withal in all that country neither ordained minister, nor any church in full gospel order. So neither imposition of the hands of the Presbytery nor donation of the right hand of fellowship can be expected there."¹

Hence, too, the fact that Mr. Norman, one of those who subscribed to the covenant, as we shall afterwards see, was from Carolina, and doubtless the messenger bearing the request.

1. Howe's His. Page 120.

In response to this call, the church laid hands upon Mr. Joseph Lord, from Charleston, Mass., a graduate of Harvard, and at that time, teaching school at Dorchester and studying theology under the pastor, Rev. John Danforth. The following is the account given of the ordination:

Ordination of Mr. Lord

"October 22, 1695, being our lecture day, was set apart for the ordination of Mr. Joseph Lord, for to be pastor to a church, gathered that day for to go to South Carolina, to settle the gospel there, and the names of the men are these: Joshua Brooks, Nathaniel Billings, and Simon Daken, of Concord; William Norman, of Carolina; William Adams, of Sunbury; Increase Sumner, and William Pratt, of Dorchester, and George Fox, of Reading.

"These, with Mr. Lord, did enter into a most solemn covenant to set up the ordinances of Jesus Christ there, if the Lord carried them safely thither (according to gospel truth, with a very large profession of their faith.)

"There being several messengers from other churches that day, from Boston, Roxbury, Nonandon, Milton, Dorchester, (Charleston). These messengers did meet together and did carry on that work with great solemnity that day, Mr. Lord first praying and then preaching out the 5th Matthew, 13th verse: "Ye are the salt of the earth." After this the ministers laying their hands upon him, Mr. Morton did give him a very solemn charge, and Mr. Hobert give him the right hand of fellowship.¹

Embarkation to Carolina

About six weeks after the ordination, the

1. Pub. Rec. P. 109-10.

pastor and his little flock were ready to embark to their distant untried home. How momentous the occasion. How solemn the hour of parting. In the farewell meeting Mr. Danforth preached a sermon, taking for his theme the parting scene of Paul and his companions and the Christians of Tyre, in Acts xxi: 4-6:

“And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days, who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem. And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way. And they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city, and we kneeled down on the shore and prayed; and when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship and they returned home again.”

How appropriate this subject and text to the occasion of the separation between a beloved pastor and this little band, to whom he had ministered for fifteen years, now going forth as missionaries of the cross, in the name and with the benediction of the church upon them. Their friends, like those of the Apostles, likewise followed them to the place of embarkation, and after kneeling down and mingling their supplications with every expression of Christian tenderness, bade them a long and affectionate farewell.

On Thursday, December 5, 1695, they set sail from Boston on the brigantine Friendship, Captain Hill. On the night of the 14th they encountered a gale and came near being wrecked, the wind “being so boisterous.” They observed a day of prayer on board, and after fourteen days were landed at Charleston, Friday, December 20th, whilst other vessels leaving Boston at the same time had a month’s passage. The following is the account given in their church record:

"December 5, 1695, the church for Carolina set sail from Boston. December 14th, at night, the skiff was near run under water, the stormy wind being so boisterous. They kept a day of prayer on board and safely landed at Carolina December 20th. The other vessels had a month's passage; this but about 14 days."

William Pratt, one of the eight covenanting members, and afterwards made elder in the Carolina church, kept a diary of the journey, a copy of which I have before me, the original being in possession of Mr. Joshua Crane, of Bridgewater, Mass., a regular descendant of Elder Pratt. I here insert a portion of it, as it gives a particular account of the voyage, and at the same time corrects some errors into which several writers have fallen as to the date of the embarkation, the number of vessels, and also the number and size of the colony. His account is as follows:

Elder Pratt's Account

"On December the 3, 1695, we, the church that was gathered in order to carry the gospel ordinance to South Carolina, at this time some of us went into a long boat to go on board the Brigantine Friendship, of Boston, in New England, in order to our passing to Carolina, but missing the vessel at first, by reason of the strength of the wind could not come up with her again, but were constrained to endure the cold two or three hours before we could get at any land, till at length we got to Dorchester Neck, and from thence returned to Boston all in safety.

"December 5th we set sail on the aforesaid vessel to go on our voyage, and having a moderate and steady gale on the Sabbath evening, which was the eighth day of the month and the fourth

day of our being on the sea, we were in the latitude of the capes of Virginia. This evening the wind began to bluster, being at the northwest, and the day following blew hard continually, increasing its strength that on Monday, the 9th day of the month, in the evening, were fain to tie by, i.e., take in all sails except the main course which, being reefed, was left to give the vessel some way as well as to steady her, the helm being pushed to leeward. So we continued till Tuesday night, and about midnight the wind was risen so high that the vessel was like to have sunk by reason that the small sail was enough then to run her under water, and had like to have done it; but the seamen made way for the vessel to rise by furling the main sail and bearing it before the wind. We were fain to sail thus, excepting sometimes the wind abated, as by fits for a short time it did, at which we lay by, as before, all the next day and part of the day following. Either on Wednesday or Thursday we agreed to set apart Friday to seek the Lord by fasting and prayer, and to beg of Him prosperous winds and weather. On Thursday, about noon, the wind began to fall and the sun to shine out, which it had not done so as that there might be any observations after our going out before, so that on Friday we could, with some comfort, carry on the work of the day.

“On Saturday the 10th day of our voyage, we found that we were gotten almost as far southward as the latitude of 31 degrees, and wanted much westing, for the northwest wind had driven us southeastward. On Sabbath day, which was the 15th day of the month, we were so favored with wind as that we went with great speed on our course, and on Monday, and so forward, the wind often shifted, yet not so as to hinder our going on in our desired course, though we could not go with so much speed as we desired. Thursday morning, being the 19th day of the month,

we came in sight of the land of Carolina, but were, by a disappointment, hindered from getting in that day; but the next day we got in, through divine goodness, being the 20th day of December.

“When we came to the town our vessel fired three guns, and the people, to welcome us to the land, fired about nine, which was more than us all. And when we come to an anchor, being in the evening, many of the people, being worthy gentlemen, come on board us and bid us welcome to Carolina, and invited us ashore and to their houses. I was among the best kindly entertained that night, and kept in Charleston about a week and then was carried by water up to Mr. Norman's. Increase Sumner and I were kindly received and entertained by the Lady Axtell, and though two other men were endeavoring to get into favor with the lady and other neighbors, and to obtain the land at Ashley River, and that we might not obtain it, yet they could not prevail; for as soon as we came, the lady and others of the neighbors did more highly esteem of us than of the others, as they told us, and rejoiced at our coming, though there was no more of the church than Increase Sumner and I; and after we had discoursed secretly with them, they were not only very kind to us, but also used all means, and took great pains, to obtain our settling upon Ashley River, and that we should endeavor to persuade our pastor, and the church to settle there.

“Our minister was at this time up at Landgrave Morton's, and some of the church at Charleston. Our minister and church were strongly persuaded by the Lieutenant General Blake and many others to go to New London¹ to settle, and upon that account were persuaded to go to Landgrave Morton's, which was near this place.

1. Now Wilton

“About a week after we went by land to Charleston and were carried by water up to Landgrave Morton's. We, many of us together, went to view the land at New London. After two days, we returned to Landgrave Morton's.

‘Mr. Lord called me aside and I had much discourse with him; and when he heard what I had to say concerning Ashley River, and concerning New London, Mr. Lord was wholly of my mind and willing to take up, upon those conditions that we discoursed about, at Ashley River, which conditions were kept private between two or three of us. When I sought earnestly to God for wisdom and counsel, God was gracious to me, for which I have great cause to praise His name, as well as for many other signal mercies. We kept something secret from others, which was greatly for our benefit.

‘We came from there to Mr. Curtis’, and from there to Mr. Gilbason's. We were very kindly entertained at every place where we came. We heard of some of those that came from New England that had been guilty of gross miscarriages what was a trouble to us, but Mr. Gilbason called me aside and had much discourse with me. Afterwards he told me that he was glad that I came to Carolina, that he had seen me and had opportunity to discourse with me. He told me he was much discouraged to see the ill-carriage of those that came from New England, but afterwards he was better satisfied and told me he did think there was a great difference between the persons that came from New England. Though many did manifest their dislike of bad persons that came from New England, yet they were glad of the coming of good persons. We tarried there two or three days, being kindly entertained, and when we came away they gave us provision for our voyage down to Charleston and were very kind to us; from there we came to Gov. Blake's, where we were kindly enter-

tained; and we dined with them, and after some discourse with Governor Blake, we came to Mrs. Cumers', where we lodged all night, being very kindly entertained, next day the people being very kind.

'We had a comfortable voyage down to Charleston, being the 14th of January. The 16th of January was the election day at Charleston. After this, Mr. Lord and some of the church came up to Ashley River, and upon the Sabbath after, being the 26th of January, Mr. Lord preached at Mr. Norman's house upon that text in 8th of Romans, 1st verse. There were many that came to hear, of the neighbors round about, and gave diligent attention.

'The second day of February being Sabbath day, Mr. Lord preached at Ashley River upon that text, 1st Peter 3:18. Most of the neighbors came to hear. All the next neighbors and several persons came about ten miles to hear. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered that day and two deacons chosen. At this time, there was great joy among the good people.

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'The first day of February being the last day of the week, and the sacrament to be administered, and many of us to come away on second morning to Charleston to come to New England, we set apart some time in the afternoon to pray unto God, and there was much of the Spirit of God breathing in that ordinance; and when we took our leave of our Christian friends there were weeping eyes at our departure. We had many a blessing from them.'¹

1. See Diary.

From the above account it appears that Mr. Norman¹ had gone from Carolina to Dorchester to press the call for a minister; that there was only one small vessel (at one time styled a "Brigantine, " at another a "Skiff") instead of two, as heretofore believed, there being no necessity for two to carry only nine people; that they embarked Thursday, December 5th, and not 14th, as some others have asserted; that the church was composed of only eight male members, only two of these directly from Dorchester, with the pastor, Rev. Joseph Lord. There being no account of their families, the supposition is, that if they had any, they went back after them as Elder Pratt did. In his diary he gives an account of his return to New England and of a second voyage to Carolina with his family, consisting of his wife, Elizabeth Baker Pratt, and only daughter, Thankful Pratt, sailing from Nantasket, January 18, 1697, and also gives the reason for the prayer-meeting on Saturday afternoon before their communion at Ashley River, February 2nd; that many of them were to go away Monday morning after to Charleston to go to New England. The account also shows that the people of Charleston were expecting them, and that their arrival had awakened considerable enthusiasm, as was evinced by the firing of a salute of about nine guns by the people of the town in honor of the event, an event truly worthy of such enthusiastic demonstration.

Choice of Location

After spending a few weeks in examining the claims of different places, especially New London (now Wilton) and the Ashley River, they decided upon the latter, and settled upon the bank of said river,

1. Several of this name in Liberty County, doubtless descendants.

and named the place Dorchester, after the place from whence they had come.

The place thus selected was immediately up the river some eighteen miles from Charleston, near the head of tide-water, the land low and swampy, and yet dotted with dry oak and hickory hammocks, which were easily cultivated and productive. The country generally in a state of wild forests, yet doubtless with an occasional settler. This we infer from the fact that it was directly up a stream navigable for small crafts, and only eighteen miles from Charleston, which had been then settled for sixteen years, and the principal commercial centre of the province, taken in connection with Elder Pratt's statement about the "next neighbors," and "people coming from ten miles" to the communion service. Still, after all, the settlers must have been very sparse, their principal neighbors being the Stonos and Westoes, tribes of Indians.

The colony reached Charleston Friday, December 20, 1695. It was not until January 14, 1696, that they decided upon the locality for their settlement. On Sabbath, January 26th, Mr. Lord preached his first sermon at the place selected for the church building, and held his first communion under the branches of a large oak which stood near by, which was standing in 1849, but since fallen and gone to decay. At the time of this communion two deacons were chosen, their names not given. It was a time of great rejoicing. The prayer-meeting held on Saturday afternoon before, in view of the fact that several of them expected to leave on Monday morning for New England (probably for their families as already hinted), and the parting scenes at its close, when so many eyes were weeping, and hearts giving utterances to the richest benedictions, all showed that to be a most memorable occasion. The following is the brief account of it which we find in the

records of the Dorchester, Mass., church:

"February 2, 1696, then was the first sacrament of ye Lord's supper that ever was celebrated in Carolina. Eight persons received (the communion) such as were of ye church by virtue of communion of churches; and there was great joy among the good people of Carolina, and many thanksgivings to the Lord. The good Lord prosper their undertakings for His own glory and the good of souls, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."¹

Carolina Church

Concerning the life, growth, development, and general history of the Carolina church, we have very little reliable, definite knowledge. We know the names of the regular ministers and general terms of office, but who were the deacons, and names, or precise number of members, we have no means of determining, as the records of the old church seem hopelessly lost, and the records of the Midway church only give a list of some forty families that emigrated to that place, without even specifying which were members and which were not. The records of the Dorchester, Mass., church show, that in addition to the eight covenanting members already mentioned, eight others were dismissed from said church to the Carolina church on Nov. 1, 1696, viz: Deacon Sumner's wife and family, and his brother, Samuel Sumner, with his wife and family, with Peter O. Kelley's wife and six children.² From Pratt's Diary we learn also that " Job Chamberlain and his wife, Joanna, Joanna Way, and Mary Way, all of Dr. Mathers' church, became

1. Pub. Rec. P. 109.

a. Pub. Rec. P. 114.

members." There might have been others, but these are all I have been able to identify with Mr. Lord's church in its early beginning. The eight above mentioned, added to the original eight, make a total of sixteen members, of whom Increase Sumner was a Deacon, and William Pratt an Elder.^a There were doubtless others added from time to time, from their old homes in Massachusetts, as well as other sections, for, in looking over the early settlers of the Massachusetts colony, I see a number of Liberty county names, showing that in all probability, many of the early Dorchester settlers came from New England. I seriously doubt, however, if there could, at any time, have been in the Carolina church over one hundred members, as would appear first, from the small size of the church building; second, from the rather discouraging letter^b of Mr. Lord to Judge Sewall, of Boston, dated March 25, 1706; third and lastly, from the statement of Mr. Osgood. In a letter to a friend in 1746, he reported a membership of only about seventy. In that letter he says: "About two years ago the number of communicants in our church were but little over thirty; now they are above seventy;"^c and this only six years before removal to Georgia.

Pastors

Their first pastor was Rev. Joseph Lord, who came out with the colony from New England. He was of Charleston, Mass.; born June 30, 1672; graduated at Harvard College in 1691, and was teaching school in Dorchester, and studying Theology

- a. Note. It was customary for the early Congregational churches to have Elders as well as deacons. See Miller on Ruling Elders.
- b. Howe's His. P. 134
- c. Stevens' His., Vol. I, P. 377.

under Rev. John Danforth, at the time of his ordination, October 22, 1695. He remained with this people, as pastor, over twenty years, after which he returned to Massachusetts, and on the 15th day of June, 1720, he was installed pastor of the church in Chatham, where he died June 6, 1748, after preaching to that people twenty-eight years.

Mr. Lord was succeeded by Rev. Hugh Fisher, a Presbyterian minister, a member of the old Presbytery of South Carolina. Of him we know very little, except that in the controversy that existed about that time concerning subscription to the confession of Faith, he published a sermon in reply to Rev. Josiah Smith, and taking side in favor of said subscription. The time between the removal of Mr. Lord, 1720, and the settlement of Mr. Osgood, 1735, was fifteen years. How much of this time was occupied by Mr. Fisher, we are unable to say; doubtless, the greater portion. Mr. Fisher died at Dorchester, October 6th or 7th, 1734. Dr. Hewatt, in his history, speaks of him as a minister of the church of Scotland. A son of his, James Fisher, was living in Charleston in 1817.^a

Mr. Fisher was succeeded by Mr. John Osgood, who was born in Dorchester, S. C., 1710. Received a greater part of his education under Mr. Fisher;^b graduated at Harvard, 1733, he being one of the four mentioned by Ramsay, who were the only ones, native born, that had received a degree from a college, for the first ninety years which followed the settlement of South Carolina;^c ordained at Dorchester, March 24, 1735, and continued pastor until the removal of the colony to Liberty county, and for nineteen years afterwards, he having removed with them in 1754 .

a. Howe's His. P. 205.

b. Midway Records.

c. Ramsay's His., Vol. II, P. 273.

House of Worship

For a few years after the removal to Carolina the church must have worshiped in a temporary structure, of which, however, we know nothing. About the year 1700, they erected a small but substantial brick structure, about thirty feet square. It was erected on the north side of the wagon road from Charleston, and about one mile outside of the town of Dorchester, on its western side, and perhaps a half mile from the river and not far from Bacon's Bridge. It was located about fifty yards from the road, with entrance facing it, and pulpit in the opposite end, with three doors, and the floor of the aisles laid with clay tiling. It continued to be used as a place of worship after the removal of the colony, by the few families left, as well as by those who came in to occupy the places and homes of those who had emigrated. During the war of the Revolution, Dorchester fell into the hands of the British and was occupied as one of their posts. Here Cornwallis had his headquarters while passing. After the battle of Eutaw the British encamped here, but retired before the advance of Gen. Greene. Before leaving, they burned the interior of the church. The walls, however, were left standing. These were refilled in 1794, at which time, the organization became Presbyterian^a, and the building occupied by that denomination till a few years past, when the membership removed to Summerville, on the railroad near by, and the building abandoned. Being neglected, the roof fell in, and the earthquake in 1886 threw down the greater portion of the walls, the sounding board, hinges of the pulpit, and the tiling on the floor, having been previously removed to the manse at Summerville and incorporated in that structure, the sounding board being converted into canopies over the parlor doors, the hinges of the pulpit into hooks for the tongs, and the tiling used to adorn the hearth and jams of the chimney.

a. Howe's His. P. 567



OLD WHITE MEETING-HOUSE,
DORCHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA.

The writer visited this hallowed, as well historic place in January, 1894, but failed to find absolutely a trace of this once flourishing town. I have seen it stated that Dorchester, with the immediate neighborhood around, comprised a population of 1,800, of which 500 were white. If, by Dorchester we mean the whole district, we might admit the truth of the statement; but, if confined to the town alone, I am satisfied the estimate is entirely overdrawn. Oldmixon, in his *British Empire*, speaks of it as a "small town, containing about 350 souls."^a Hewatt, in his history, speaking of the towns in Carolina in 1735, says: "None of them, except one (Charleston), merits the smallest notice. Beaufort, Parisburg, Jacksonburg, Dorchester, Camden, and Georgetown, are all inconsiderable villages, having in each twenty, thirty, or at most, forty dwelling houses,"^b After the removal of the colony to Georgia, and the ravages of the revolution, the town began to decline. As early as 1788, we find the following in Bishop Asbury's *Journal*: "March 5, 1788, I passed Dorchester, where there are remains of what appears to have been once a considerable town. There are the ruins of an elegant church, and the vestiges of several well built houses,"^c and even these vestiges, with the exception of the tower of the former, are now all gone. On the upper or northwest side, and just across a low swamp, may be seen the remains of the old Dorchester church, familiarly known as the "Old White Meeting House," because when rebuilt it was plastered white on the outside. These remains still stand in a thicket of trees, some fifty yards from the road which it faces. A ditch well filled up, surrounds what appears to have been the old cemetery, though there are graves of more recent date around among the trees, in the rear and

a. Oldmixon, P. 513.

b. Hewatt Vol. II, P. 289.

c. Howe's His. P. 463.

on the other side of the building. The only tombstone to be seen of older date than 1700 is that of Dr. Samuel Stevens and wife, in an enclosed wall of brick, with monuments of slate, similar to the earlier ones in the Old Midway Cemetery. The former died April 9, 1760, and the latter January 12, 1761.

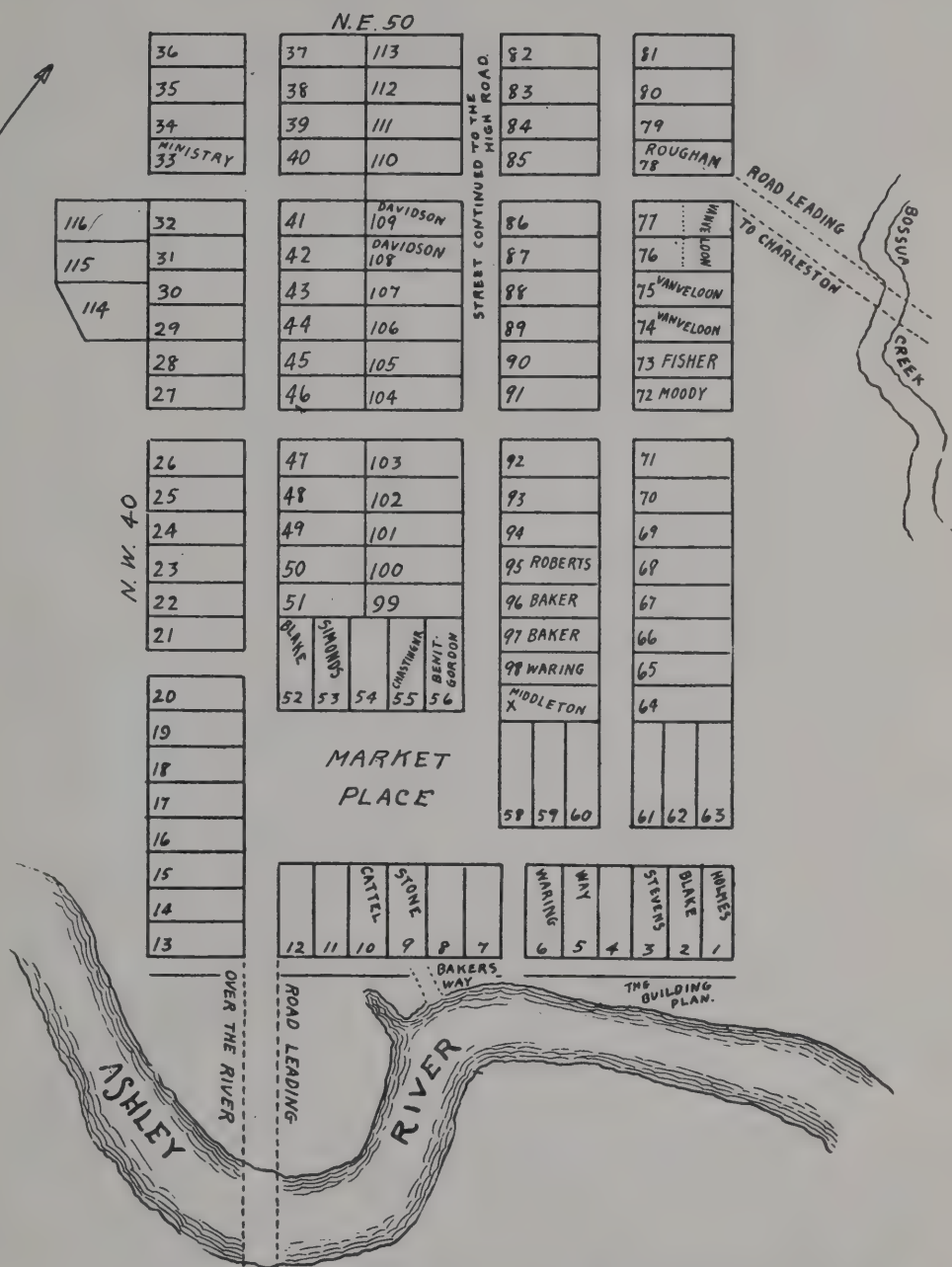
About one mile further down, and on the lower limits of the town, stands the tower of the old Episcopal church alluded to above, and all that is left of it, and itself rapidly going to decay, and bearing date of 1751. The body of the church was erected in 1719-20 and enlarged 1734. This is one of the most beautiful ruins in this country, and reminds one of some of the old Abbey ruins in England. To blunder suddenly upon such a picturesque object in a scope of woods in an old field produces quite a singular impression upon the mind of the beholder.

About two hundred yards off, and with the Ashley still further in the rear, as a background, may be seen the walls of the old Fort, so historic in its memories, and the scene of the military powers of Cornwallis, Marion, Tarlton, McIntosh, and Greene. It was made of concrete one hundred feet long, with walls eight to ten feet high, three feet thick, with two sally ports, the lower commanding the river, and with a magazine in the interior now in ruins. It was built not later than 1719 and repaired in 1778. The walls, built of oyster shells and lime, still remain intact. What memories crowd into the mind of the pilgrim to these sacred shrines. What historic scenes here enacted. But the actors are all gone, and gone forever.

Beech Hill

Although we have no distinct statement of the fact, it seems the Dorchester people were not

PLAN OF DORCHESTER, S. C.



DORCHESTER, S. C., ST. GEORGE'S PARISH, June 1st, 1742.

Above is a plan of the Town of Dorchester, with the names of some of the owners at present inserted with lots. It is a part of a parcel of land granted by the Lords, proprietors Deputies, to John Stevens (now deceased), in the year 1666, in two separate tracts, being in the whole 4050 acres, which said lands were.....for the use of a certain number.....and, by their mutual consent, divided into lots of various quantities, at which time the above represented plan was laid out in a town lot, by the mutual consent of all parties then concerned therein agreeably to the above plan, and titles issued to the then owners of said lots of various denominations, and town lots according to the respective numbers by the above John Stevens; and said plan hath ever since been considered as a plan for trade by said John Stevens and his heirs, and all other persons therein concerned.

Testified the day and year above mentioned by,

A true copy of the original,
JOHANNES STEVENS, fecit.

SAMUEL STEVENS.

DAVID H. TILLINGHAST, Surv. General.

all settled at the same place, but a considerable portion were at a place eight miles distant. When they first commenced occupying this point, we have no means of determining. It seems from the mention of the place in connection with the persons sent to search the land, and the mention of the emigrants to Georgia being from both places, that no small part of the colony lived there, and that it formed a very important part of Mr. Osgood's charge, he preaching there in connection with Dorchester. Though we have no account of any church organization at that place, still there was a house of worship there, and also a glebe at both places of ninety-five acres each. In 1793, the Presbyterians, after they came into possession had a church edifice there, but no separate organization, as appears from the chartered name, which was "The United Church and Congregation of Dorchester and Beech Hill," they having gathered up the remnants at both places and constituting a united church, the minister preaching alternately at the one place and then at the other.

CHAPTER II

The Removal

After a residence at Dorchester of fifty-six years, the colony commenced debating the question of removal. The place was found to be sickly, on account of the low, marshy lands surrounding it; besides, being mostly an agricultural people, they become too much crowded as the population increased, and fearing dispersion, they concluded best to remove. Their reasons for this course are fully stated in their records, which we here quote:

'Reasons for Removal'

"Our ancestors, having a greater regard to a compact Settlement and religious Society than future temporal advantages, took up but small tracts of land, many of which, after their decease, being divided amongst their children, reduced them still to smaller, in consequence of which our lands were generally soon worn out. Few had sufficient for the convenient support and maintenance of their families, and some none at all, nor likely to get any among us. Young people, as they grew up and settled for themselves, were obliged, for want of lands, to move out from us. Dorchester and Beech Hill, the places where we settled, being also a very sickly part of the country, several persons among us, chiefly for these reasons, seemed very anxious to move out from us, and had several times searched for some other place in Carolina, but could find none capacious and convenient enough for that purpose; notwithstanding which, the same disposition to remove continuing with several, occasioned some serious reflection on the state and circumstances of this Church, and it was thought probable, that unless some tract of land, suitable for the convenient and compact settlement and support of a congregation, could be found to which we might remove, and settle in a body, the Society would, in a few years at most, be dispersed, so as not to be capable of supporting the Gospel among us, especially if we should lose our present pastor, and (which in that case seems not unlikely) be any considerable time without the administration of Gospel ordinances among us - the only circumstances which at present detains many, otherwise quite inclined to remove from us. Upon these considerations, a removal of the whole Society seemed advisable; and having heard a good character of the lands in Georgia, 'twas thought proper that

some should take a journey to that Colony, and search out some place there conveniently for our purpose, which was accordingly performed at several inquisitions, and issued at length in a tolerable satisfaction as to the capacity of the place, and a remove there-upon was more generally concluded on."

First Search

In accordance with the above determination, "On Monday, ye 11th of May, anno 1752, three persons of our Society sett off from Beech Hill for Georgia, to view the lands there; and on Thursday, the 16th, arrived at Medway, the place proposed. After a few days' stay, haveing viewed Medway swamp, and approving of it, and heard of large Quantitys of good Lands adjoining, they returned home, with an account of what they had heard and seen. Upon which a disposition to remove seemed to encrease among us, tho' opposed by several, and a further search was determined. A petition was also drawn up, and signed by many, to be presented to the Council of Georgia, for a Reserve of a Quantity of Land for us, if approved by the Searchers."

Second Search

"On Monday, ye 15th of June 1752, five of the said Society sett off for Medway, where they arrived on Thursday, the 25th, and continued their searches till the third of July, and got as good a satisfaction for the time as could be expected, and returned from thence to Savannah with their Petition, and got a Grant of 22,400 acres of land, to be reserved for us eighteen months. From thence they returned home on the fourteenth of July, when people were differently affected with the relation of what they had discovered,

and how far they had proceeded. Several used their Endeavours to frustrate the Scheme, notwithstanding which, an Inclination to remove seemed considerably in the Ascendent. Several Persons not included in the former grant were now desirous of joining with us, and a new Petition was drawn up, to which were affixed the names of thirty persons more, and it was determined that another journey should be made to the place, in order to survey the lands already granted, to petition for more, and to make a further search."

First Attempt at Settlement

"About the beginning of August, 1752, six persons sett off by Land, and on the 10th of the same month, Seven more by water, to survey the Lands, and begin Settlements. Those by land carryed in the petition, and got a grant of nine thousand five hundred and fifty acres more of land, and took a further prospect of the place; but, being disappointed in the coming of the Schooner, which was to have met them at the place, on board of which was most of their provisions and their Negroes, they were obliged to return without effecting much there. On the 12th of September, in the evening, they got on board, in order to return, and on the 14th got down to St. Catherine's Island, from whence they intended to have proceeded the next day to Sea; but Providence, happily for them, ordered them a Disappointment, which kept them some days from their purpose, for on the (15th), while they lay in the harbour, there arose a Hurricane which was in Carolina the most violent that ever was known since the Settlement of the English there, which in many places left not one tree in twenty standing, and threw down many Buildings. On the 16th, they attempted to put out to sea, but could not, and therefore went within land to Tibi, where, meeting with high winds, they sailed up to Savannah, where

several, leaving the vessel, went home by land; the rest, who remained in her, had a tedious, long passage, and were met by a second hurricane before they got home, but were then also in a safe Harbour. In their passage to Georgia, one negro fell overboard, and was drowned, and those who went up by land had two of their horses drowned in their return. These adverse Providences were very discouraging to most, and brought the affaire of our removing to a very considerable stand."

Grants of Land

The following are the persons included in the land grants alluded to above:¹

John Stevens	500 Acres
Benjamin Baker	" "
Parmenas Way	" "
John Lupton	" "
Rev. John Osgood	" "
Samuel Stevens	" "
Barock Norman	" "
Daniel Slade	" "
John Winn	" "
Samuel Bacon	" "
Edward Sumner	" "
Andrew Way	" "
Richard Spencer	" "
William Baker	" "
Sarah Osgood	" "
Richard Girardeau	" "
Samuel Burnley	" "
James Way	" "
Edward Way	" "
Joseph Bacon	" "

1. See White's His. Col. P. 34

Jonathan Bacon	500 Acres
John Norman	" "
Nathaniel Way	" "
Richard Woodcraft	" "
John Mitchell	" "
Sarah Mitchell	" "
John Edwards	" "
John Elliott	" "
Joseph Way	" "
William Graves	" "
Joseph Norman	" "
John Stewart	" "
Samuel James	" "
Robert Glass	" "
Robert Echols	" "
Jno. Quarterman	" "
David Russ	" "
William Lupton	" "
Richard Baker	" "
Jno. Stevens, Jr.	" "
Joseph Oswald	" "
Jacob Weston	" "
Joshua Clark	300 Acres
For a Glebe	<u>400 Acres</u>
Total	21,700 Acres

Second Grant, August 6, 1752

Daniel Dunnom	500 Acres
Isaac Dunnom	" "
John Graves	" "
Palmer Goulding	" "
Joseph Massey	" "
Thos. Stephens, Jr.	" "
Isaac Bradwell	" "
N. Bradwell	" "
James Christie	" "
Hugh Dowse	" "

Elizabeth Simmons	500 Acres
Peter Goulding	400 Acres
Elizabeth Baker	" "
William Chapman	300 Acres
James Baker	" "
Rebecca Quarterman	" "
Joseph Stevens	250 Acres
Thomas Stevens	" "
Joseph Bacon, Jr.	" "
Jno. Wheeler	200 Acres
Joseph Baker	" "
Thomas Way, Jr.	" "
John Shave	" "
John Churchell	" "
Moses Way	" "
Daniel Cannon	" "
Joseph Winn	" "
John Gorton	<u>100 Acres</u>
Total	9,650 Acres ¹

The First Settlement

On the sixth of December, 1752, Mr. Benjamin Baker and family and Mr. Samuel Bacon and family arrived and commenced a settlement. Mrs. Baker died the day after their arrival, which must have cast quite a gloom over the enterprise.

1. 31,950 acres in all. The church records say 32,550. Not having the colonial records before me, I am unable to point out the source of the discrepancy.

Those Who Followed

On March 24th, of the following year, Mr. Parmenas Way and family arrived, and from the records appears to be the only family that arrived that year. During the next year (1754), seventeen families, including that of the pastor, and two single men. The two single men were John Quarterman, Jr. and Moses Way. Those having families were John Stevens, Richard Spencer, Richard Baker, Josiah Osgood, Samuel Way, John Elliott, John Quarterman, Rev. John Osgood, Sarah Mitchell, John Mitchell, Samuel Burnley, Edward Way, Edward Sumner, Wm. Baker, John Shave, Nathaniel Way, Benjamin Andrew. Three of these families, viz., that of John and Sarah Mitchell and Benjamin Andrew, were from Pon Pon.¹ In 1755, six families and two single men arrived. The families were John Gorton, John Winn, John Lupton, Joseph Bacon, Andrew Way, Isaac Girardeau. The two single men were Thomas Peacock, of Charleston, and Joseph Massey, of Pon Pon. Five families in 1756; those of William Graves, John Stewart, Sr., John Stewart, Jr., John Graves, and Daniel Dunnom. The next year, 1757, but one family came, Richard Girardeau. In 1758, Samuel Jeans and family, James Andrew and family, and (Mrs.) Lydia Saunders. In 1771, the three families of Jonathan Bacon, William Norman, and Isham Andrews, making in all, as given in the church book, a total of thirty-eight families and five single persons. The Colonial Records, on the other hand, show that there were seventy-one applications and

1. Pon Pon is the Indian name for the lower portion of the Edisto river.

allotments of land under the different dates of July 11, and August 6, 1752;¹ and this, too, agreeing with the statement of Mr. James Habersham, in his letter to Mr. Martyn, secretary of the trustees, in which he states that application had been made and lands granted already to forty-three families, of whom two hundred and three were whites, and three hundred and seventy-eight blacks; and that a second application had just been made for twenty-eight more families, of whom seventy-seven were whites, and two hundred and eighty blacks, making a total of seventy-one families, with two hundred and eighty whites, and five hundred and thirty-six blacks; eight hundred and sixteen in all.² Why the church records fail to mention so many of these - whether they declined to remove, or whether an omission simply on the part of the clerk, or for the reason that they were not sufficiently identified with the church and society, we are unable to say.

In addition to the above, other settlers came, from time to time, from Dorchester and other places, as their names afterwards appear on the records. There were also a few families who had already located here and there in the district. For the town of Savannah had been laid off some twenty years before by Oglethorpe, in 1733. The land between the Savannah and Altamaha rivers, with the islands from Tybee to St. Simons, with the exception of St. Catharine, Ossabaw, and Sapelo, had been ceded by Tomochichi. A road opened by Oglethorpe, from Savannah to Darien, under the direction of Captain Hugh Mackay, assisted by Tomochichi's Indian guides, and a fort named Argyle, after the Duke of

1. White's His. Col. P., 34.

2. White's His. Col. P. 516.

Argyle, built and garrisoned soon after the establishment of the colony, upon the Ogeechee river, only sixteen miles distant; and ten families located there to till the soil. It is therefore natural to infer that there would be found here and there a few adventurers, at least, who had settled in different parts of the district, especially on the water courses, before the arrival of the Midway people. Hence we find that the Midway district was represented by Audley Maxwell in the Colonial Assembly, which met at Savannah in 1751, the year before the arrival of any of the Dorchester people. It has been estimated that after the full establishment of the colony, there were as many as three hundred and fifty whites and one thousand five hundred negroes, strictly connected and thoroughly identified with the Midway people.¹

State of the Province

This removal into Georgia commenced just twenty years after the settlement of Oglethorpe. It was the sixth and last colony of any size that entered the Province.

The first colony was that under Oglethorpe, which landed February 1, 1733.

The second was that of the Salzburgers under the leadership of Rev. Messrs. Bolzius and Gronau, who came March 12, 1734, and settled first at Old Ebenezer, about twenty miles above Savannah.

The third was a colony of Moravians, under the leadership of Rev. Gottlieb Spangenburg, who

1. Jones' His. Vol. I P. 493.

settled between Savannah and the Salzsburgers in the early spring of 1735. These remained till the breaking out of the Spanish war, when the most of them removed to Pennsylvania, not believing in war.

The fourth was that of the Scottish Highlanders with John McIntosh Mohr as leader of the clan, with the Dunbars, Baillies, Cuthberts, and others, who settled at New Inverness, now Darien, on the Altamaha river, Jan. 1736, bringing with them the Rev. John McLeod as their minister, who remained as pastor till the fall of 1741, when he removed to Edisto, South Carolina.

The fifth colony was the second band of Salzsburgers and Moravians, known as the 'great embarkation,' coming over and landing at Savannah February 8, 1736, and bringing with them the Wesleys, John and Charles, Oglethorpe also accompanying them.

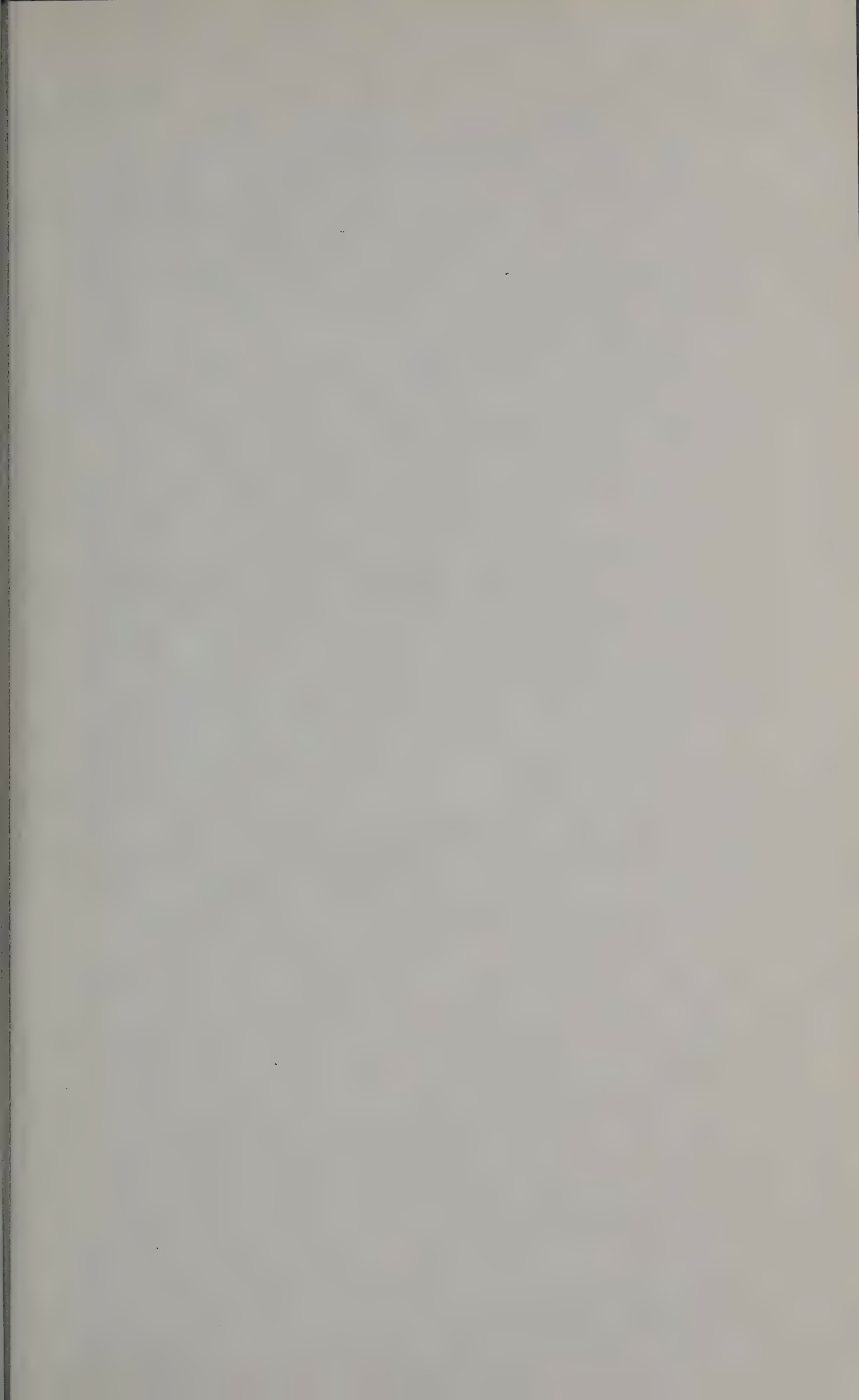
The sixth and last colony moving in, and not until eighteen years after the others, was the Dorchester people, who occupied the middle country between Savannah and Darien.

For quite a number of years before their coming the affairs of the Province were in a deplorable condition. George II had granted in 1732 a charter, placing the government in the hands of twenty-one trustees residing in London. At an early day they forbade the introduction of rum and negro slaves. They also sought to engraft upon the Province some of the old entailment laws of England, confining the title to land to the male issue, and throwing so many restrictions around its tenure and alienation as to make it in many instances rever-sionary to the crown. These restrictions excited a

great deal of opposition, as appears from the many published pamphlets of the times, and notably one by Pat Tailfer, Douglass and others, in which they held that these things were the cause of the decline, and in which they demanded a change in the law regulating the tenure of land, and also the abolition of the laws forbidding rum and slaves, as they said that every one knew that the water on the coast needed 'qualifying' to render it fit for use, and further that the prohibition of slaves placed the people of the Province under great disadvantage, as it was impossible for them to compete with the slave labor of Carolina. Yielding to the pressure, the trustees in 1742 allowed the selling of rum, and in 1749 the introduction of slaves; in the meanwhile also changing the mode of conveyance and tenure of land, making the title absolute in fee simple.

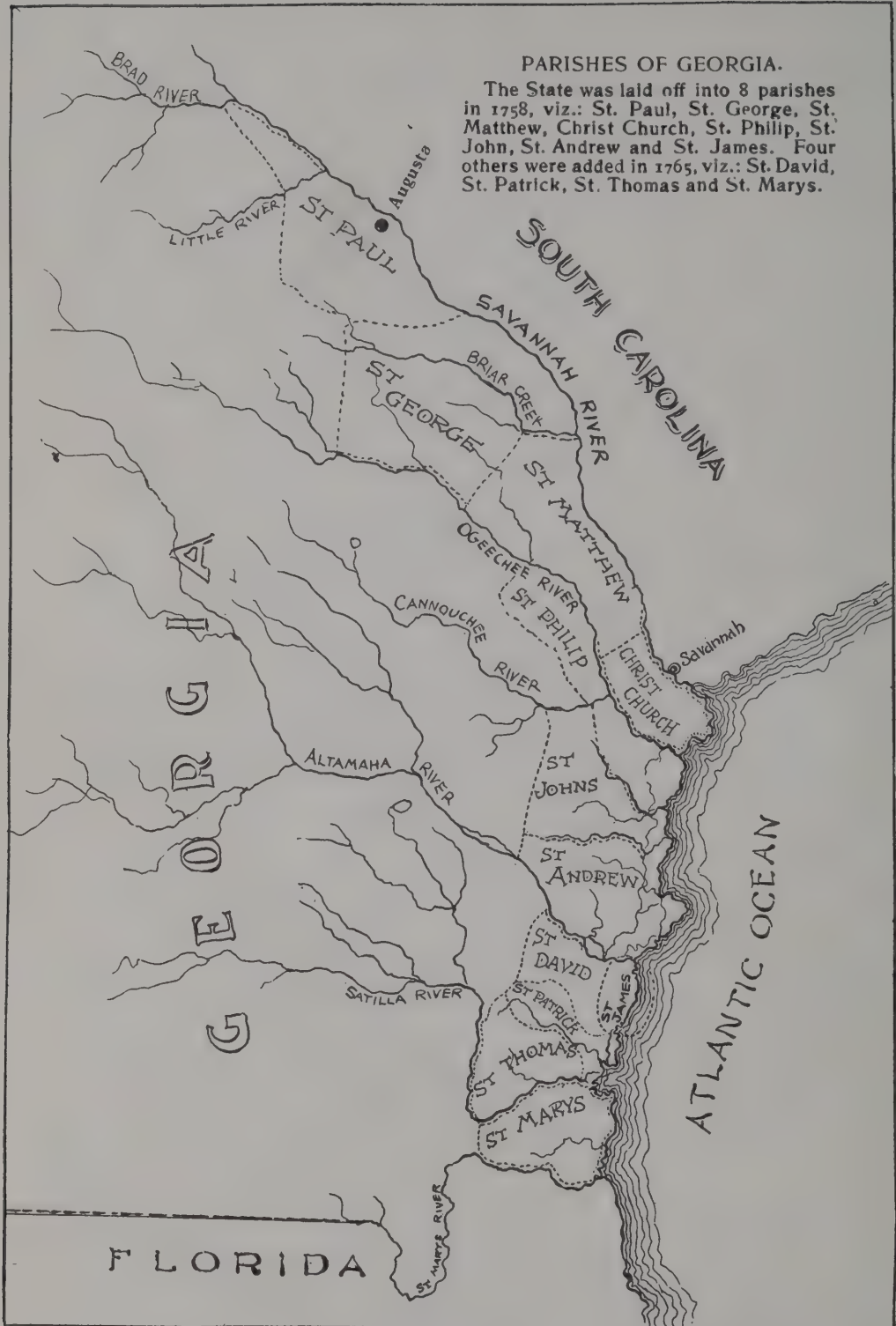
These alleged barriers being out of the way, especially the last, the spirit of immigration revived, and settlers again began coming in from the older states, and the population which had remained stationary, if not actually diminished, commenced to grow; the settlements extending from Savannah along the coast as far south as Frederica, and up the Savannah river as far as Augusta, which had been laid off as a town as early as 1735, it having been for some time before, a trading post with the Cherokee Indians, by the people of Carolina.

In 1752, after twenty years' management and control, the trustees becoming tired, if not discouraged, surrendered their charter, and the Province became part of the Royal government, and was placed under the control of the Board of Trade and Plantations, who proposed a form of government which was accepted by the Crown; and upon



PARISHES OF GEORGIA.

The State was laid off into 8 parishes in 1758, viz.: St. Paul, St. George, St. Matthew, Christ Church, St. Philip, St. John, St. Andrew and St. James. Four others were added in 1765, viz.: St. David, St. Patrick, St. Thomas and St. Marys.



nomination of the Lord's Commissioners, Captain John Reynolds, of the Royal Navy, was, on the 6th of August, 1754, appointed governor. He landed at Savannah Oct. 29, 1754. It was during this year that the most of the Dorchester colony came over to Georgia. Hence the following inscription we find in their Record Book: "On the 4th of Nov., 1754, we first heard of the arrival of his excellency, John Reynolds, Esquire, our first governor."

The population of the Province at the time of the arrival of these people was estimated at 2,381 whites and 1,066 blacks. Total, 3,447. (Jones' History, page 460.)

The Place They Settled

The colony settled upon a tract of land between the Medway and Newport rivers, and upon the headwaters of those streams, in what was afterwards designated as the parish of St. Johns, and still later as the county of Liberty, and some ten miles from the sea-coast islands. Their settlements being located upon and within easy reach of the road from Savannah to the Altamaha, and originally extending neither to the piney woods on the west, nor the salt marsh on the east. The place they settled, like all the lands contiguous, was low and swampy, with occasional knolls high and dry, in the midst of low malarial swamps with long moss and stagnant pools. The section embraced the portion where fresh and salt water meet in contest for supremacy, which is always unhealthy. The general culture of rice at first, with its attendant system of canals and ditches, dams and back-waters, only added to its sickness, and which so soon rendered necessary the location of 'Retreats' for the temporary residence of the families during the unhealthy months of summer and fall.

Name of the Church

It seems that at first no name was given either to the church or community. They were known simply as 'settlers on Medway and Newport rivers,' and their house of worship only known as the 'Meeting House'. As the river was named Medway, and the district soon became familiarly known as the 'Midway District', the church and community were sometimes called by the one and sometimes by the other. Hence there has always been a diversity of opinion as to the true spelling and pronunciation of the name, and a similar diversity in the practice of different writers, and even on the tomb-stones, it being put sometimes one way and sometimes the other.

On the original map of William DeBrahm, published by an act of Parliament, by T. Jeffries in London, October 30, 1757, a copy of which is in the Savannah Historical Society Library, the name of the river is Medway, and so spelled. So on the map by William Faden, published in 1780, by authority of the state legislature of Georgia, the name is Medway. It is also so spelled in the letters of Sir James Wright. His. Coll., Vol. III, P. 161. So Bartram, in his travels 1773, speaks of the 'branches of Medway and Newport rivers,' and also of leaving Sunbury and going in company with several of its polite inhabitants to the Medway meeting house, (pp. 9 and 10.) McCall, in his history, speaks of the church as Medway, though of the district as Midway. So Sherwood in his Gazetteer, White in his Historical Collections, and Arthur and Carpenter in their history, say Medway. So Jones, in his 'Dead Towns of Georgia', says that 'on the only plan of Sunbury he had been able to procure,' 'the name was written Medway.'

On the other hand, DeBrahm, in his history, written 1798, says Midway. The church was incorporated in 1789 under the name of Midway. Dr. Holmes, one of the earlier pastors of the church, in his Annals, says Midway. Although Dr. Jedidiah Morse, who was also minister at the same time for awhile, says in his Gazetteer, 'Medway or Midway'. In the Record Book at the State Archives, where the deeds to lands were recorded in 1756, with one or two exceptions, it is always 'Midway District'. And when we go to the Church Records, the first and oldest volume says Midway, but in the second, which is a copy made in 1791, we find it at first Medway, but in later years Midway.

Of the two sets of opinion the advocates of the one claim that the church was named after the river, and therefore should be called Medway. The advocates of the other maintain that the church was named after the district, and the district was so named on account of its central position in the colony, and that the district was so called and so known before the settlement of the Midway people as evinced from the fact that the district was represented in the Colonial Assembly which met in Savannah January 15, 1751, by Audley Maxwell, who was reported from the 'Midway district', and that was the year before the first arrival of any of the colonists; and furthermore that as the church was located on the road which had been opened, and half way between Savannah and New Inverness and thirty miles from either, at the intersection of the Sunbury road, which being half way, furnished a camping ground for travelers and soldiers, there being at one time an encampment of soldiers there.

That the river was named Medway, the evidence all goes to show. Was the district then named after the river?

In 1741, by order of the trustees, the province of Georgia was thrown into two counties, one called Savannah, embracing all the territory north of Darien, the other Frederica, embracing the Altamaha settlement and the island of St. Simon. Ten years later we find the state divided into eleven districts, represented in the Colonial Assembly at Savannah in 1751, viz.: Savannah, Augusta, Ebenezer, Abercorn and Goshen, Joseph's Town, Vernonburg, Acton, Little Ogeechee, Skidaway, Midway, Darien. After the most diligent search I have never been able to find out when or by whom this division was made. McCall says, Vol. I p. 254: 'In 1758, the land which had been acquired from the Indians and laid off into districts were formed into eight parishes,' but does not tell by whom divided into districts. Neither does Tailfer, DeBrahm, Stevens, nor Jones, and I am satisfied the thing was never done, and the term 'district' is simply to be understood as a neighborhood or community. This appears from the terms of the warrant for an election to that first assembly, issued by Governor Reynolds, viz.: 'That any section or community with ten families would be entitled to one representative.' Then we find little settlements close together called districts, as Abercorn, Joseph's Town, Goshen, Vernonburg, Acton, etc., which utterly preclude the idea of the land being divided into districts. Furthermore, we find that when these so-called districts were afterwards, in 1758, made into eight parishes a different enumeration obtained, without any account whatever of any change ever being made, except as the population changed. I must therefore believe that the term 'district' is used simply in the sense of neighborhood, and named after some prominent object, as 'Ogeechee', 'Acton', 'Vernonburg', and sometimes, as in the land office in Atlanta, as 'Midway and Newport' conjointly, and then at other times separately, as 'Midway district' and 'Newport district', or 'Midway and Sunbury,'

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or 'District of Hardwicke', of which mention is nowhere else made.

But the river was not Midway, as the old maps show, nor yet was there any reason why it should be so called. It was Midway between no two places. The probability is that it was named Medway after the river of the same name in England in perpetuation of old memories. If the river and adjacent country on both sides should be called the district or neighborhood of Medway, it would seem very strange that the same neighborhood and people only a few miles distant should be called the Midway district, and for a different reason.

From these statements it is perfectly obvious that the Midway district represented by Audley Maxwell in the Colonial Assembly in 1751, was simply the country on both sides of the Medway river, being so designated by the name of the river just as the district Ogeechee or Newport. If then the river was Medway it was the district or neighborhood of Medway; if Midway, then the district or neighborhood of Midway.

My own opinion is that the district or neighborhood was named after the river, which was not named Midway, because of any equidistance between any two points, but Medway after the river of that name in England, and which soon degenerated into the more common and familiar name of Midway, and the church and community soon becoming known by the degenerated appellation, the idea of equidistance being an afterthought. It is a very easy matter to account for Midway coming out of Medway, but impossible to explain how to get Medway out of Midway. No matter, however, what the real name at first, for several generations the church has been familiarly known as the Midway church, and I have so written it both here and in the published records.

CHAPTER III

ORGANIZATION

Meeting At The Log House

Soon after the arrival of the families in 1754, a log house was erected for religious worship, services being held at private houses for four preceding Sabbaths.¹ The first sermon in said house was preached June 7th and the first communion held September 8th. On the 20th of August of this year, they held a meeting at that place for the purpose of forming a covenant and subscribing to the same, and also considering the propriety of putting up a more substantial and commodious house of worship.

Organization of the Society

In order to understand what follows, it is necessary to bear in mind that this church was of the Congregational or Independent form. According to the genius of this organization the government consists of two co-ordinate branches, viz.: the church and the society; the former consisting of the male communing members, the latter of all males who would subscribe to certain articles of incorporation, whether communing members or not. All required of those who would be members of the society was that they would pledge themselves to aid in the support of the minister and ordinances of religion, and attend the annual meetings. To the former was given the spiritual government and management of the church; to the latter was entrusted the management of all its temporal affairs. The Session consisting of all the male members of

. 1. Mallard's account.

the church, received and dismissed members, and dealt with disorderly ones, whilst the society at its annual meetings arranged for the call and support of the minister, the construction and preservation of the meeting house, and managed all the temporalities of the church. In the call of the minister, however, the church members were entitled to two votes. At each annual meeting the pastor and clerk were elected, and also a board or executive committee termed 'select men,' to whom the execution of important matters were usually entrusted.

At the above mentioned meeting, articles of incorporation were adopted and presented for signatures. Who were then present and how many signed said articles at that time, we have no means of determining. We have the names of all the subscribers from first to last, but as the dates of the several signatures are not given, it is simply impossible to tell how many, or who were original signers. The society has, during the entire period of the church's existence, and even since, down to the present time, had its annual and occasional or called meetings. The account of these meetings is full and complete, contained in two manuscript volumes, one of which I have had recently published.

Articles of Incorporation

Below we give the articles of incorporation referred to above, together with all the subscribers thereto till the year 1865, when the society ceased to hold its meetings, leaving the account of its re-organization in 1887 and those who have since subscribed, for a future page.

Articles And Rules of Incorporation Agreed Upon
By a Society Settled Upon Midway And Newport In
Georgia, 28th of August, 1754:

We, the subscribers, settled on Midway and Newport in Georgia; being sensible of the advantages of good order and social agreement, among any people, both for their Civil and Religious Benefit; and especially its necessity among us as a Christian Society, being mostly a dissenting or congregational church, that doth not ordinarily come under all the privileges of the establishment; and being willing to lay a foundation by the Blessing of God of peace and harmony among ourselves, and inoffensiveness to all our neighbors, and considering the necessity of forming ourselves into a corporation, by some certain and explicit rules and covenants, in order to obtain these good ends proposed; do accordingly come under the following articles of agreement, jointly among and with each other:

I. We promise that we will each of us cheerfully contribute a reasonable part, according to our ability and circumstances, for the support of a standing Ministry of the Gospel and its ordinances among us, viz: By assisting in the building or necessary repairs of a meeting house or place of public worship; and raising a suitable salary for such Minister or Ministers as shall at any time be chosen and settled among us, or any other expenses that may be needful for the due support and comfortable enjoyment of Gospel Ordinances.

II. In order to do this, and for the better management of our public affairs we agree to meet annually at our usual Place of Meeting for Public Worship on the second Wednesday of every March (or if prevented by Rain or otherwise, upon some other day in the same month to be occasionally appointed by such person or persons as shall be deputed thereto) to consult about the necessary business of the Society.

III. We agree that in these, or other occasional meetings (said occasional Meetings being publicly advertised, or notified in our congregations two preceding Sabbaths before the day appointed) every common matter of a Secular Nature shall be determined by a majority of Voices or Votes of such convened persons of the Society, who according to their circumstances and capacities, both have been, and continue to be, supporters of, and attenders on a Gospel Ministry among us, and who are agreeable to these our articles of agreement, members of our Society. But in things more immediately respecting religion, such as judging of the soundness, Orthodoxy and due qualifications of ministers, and consequently in the approbation and choice of such as shall, or may be settled among us, the members of our church in full communion, being also supporters and attenders as above said, shall have a double vote.

IV. We agree to choose annually, three or more Select Men, immediately to manage our Public Business, according to the instructions, powers, restrictions that shall be given them by the Society.

V. We agree that we will annually choose a Clerk, being a member of the Church in full communion, whose business shall be to keep an exact Record of our determinations and accounts of things secular, in our annual or occasional meetings; and also a Church Book or Record of the Acts and proceedings of the Church of things of a Religious Nature; and furthermore, a record of births, baptisms, marriages that shall be within our Society, and any other memorable events that may be useful to be transmitted to posterity, in Distinct Books provided by the Society; and that a reasonable consideration be annually allowed to said clerk for his trouble.

VI. Finally, that these Articles may be a standing

rule and bond of our Constitution, we agree that they be proposed to our children as they grow up to a capacity of being members and supports of our Society, and to such other persons as may from time to time be disposed and admitted incorporate with us; to be also signed by them, and that no person be deemed a member of our Society, so as to have a vote or voice in determining and managing our Social Affairs, that doth not also join with us in observing this our agreement, and in Testimony thereof, signing these articles when proposed to them.

Josiah Osgood, Sen'r
 William Graves
 John Baker, Sen'r
 William Baker, Sen'r
 William Quarterman
 John Bacon
 Thomas Bacon
 Robert Quarterman
 Thomas Stephens
 Benjamin Baker
 Benjamin Andrew
 Parmenas Way
 Audley Maxwell
 John Winn, Sen'r
 John Winn, Jun'r
 John Stacy
 John Stevens
 Gideon Dowse
 John Elliott
 William Norman
 William Baker, Jun'r
 John Goulding
 Thomas Baker
 Samuel Stevens
 Samuel Saltus
 John Mitchell
 Moses Way

John Baker, B.*
 Samuel Burnley
 Edward Sumner
 James Stuart
 Thomas Sumner
 Thomas Quarterman
 Joseph Stevens
 Nathan Taylor
 Isham Andrews
 Edward Way
 James Maxwell
 Richard Baker
 David Anderson
 Peter Winn
 Abraham Lewis
 Jacob Lewis
 Judah Lewis
 William Bacon
 Joseph Baker
 Edward Ball
 William Baker, B.
 Edward Sumner
 Daniel Roberts
 Jonathan Bacon
 John Way
 Elijah Lewis
 Joseph McGowen

Thomas Way
Joseph Andrew
Joseph Oswald
Samuel Baker
William Way
Joseph Way, Sen'r
Nathaniel Baker
John Andrew
John Whitehead
Thomas Graves
William Bacon
John Peacock
Robert Sallet
James Girardeau
Joseph Law
Thomas Bradwell
Phillip Low
Daniel Stewart
James Wilson
Will H. Cassels
John Lambricht
John Quarterman
John Mitchell, Jun'r
George Law
William Denney
Thos. H. Oswald
Josiah Bacon
Thomas Peacock
Henry Wood
William Bacon
Joseph Quarterman
Jonathan Bacon
Richard Girardeau
John Way
William Goulding
James Stacy
William Baker, R.
Thos. Burnley
Rosal Spry
Thos. Quarterman

Lazarus Mallard
John Norman
John Lambert
William Girardeau
John B. Ruston
Samuel Bird
David Duncan
Thos. Goulding
Joseph Plummer
Jas. McCollough
Jonathan Scarth
William Shepard
James Wood
John Stacy
Audley Maxwell
John P. Mann
Artemas Baker
Mathew Bennett
Palmer Goulding
Phillip Wooters
Robert Iverson
Francis Wells
John Winn
Samuel Spencer
Elias Cassels
Gideon Dowse
Joseph Law, Jun'r
Joseph Winn
William Stacy
Benjamin Smallwood
John Bettis
Wm. Plowden
Jno. Jones
John Warren
Will. West
William J. Baker
William Sillavant
Daniel Sillavant
James James
Jas. Witherspoon

Simon Fraser
William Way
John Foster
James Carter
Wm. Willson
John Robarts
John Croft
James M. Stuart
Sam'l Stevens
Benj'n Raynes
James Wilkins
Joseph Stevens
John Couper
J. LeConte
Wm. Norman
J. Fabian
Jacob Wood
Robert Oswald
Jas. A Cole
Joseph Way, Jun'r
James Graham
John Shave
George Hughes
Wm. Spencer
Thos. Shepard
Dan'l Sillavant
Lathrop Holmes
Edward Stevens
Jno. Bacon
Jas. Holmes
Joel Walker
Richard Norman
John Osgood
Wm. Girardeau
Francis Ross
Elijah Baker
John Fulton
John Way, Jun'r
Thos. Cox
Thos. Mell
Jesse Warren

M. Andrews
Sam'l Jones
Josiah Osgood, Jun'r
P. H. Wilkins
Liberty Holmes
John Mell
John S. Quarterman
Wm. Lambright
Zak Gaulden
John Mallard
Jonathan B. Bacon
Hugh McCollough
Thos. Mallard
William Fleming
Thos. Baker
Joseph Bacon
Josiah Osgood, Jun'r
John Osgood, Jun'r
John Sheppard
Thomas Baker
Thomas Stevens, Jun'r
William Mell
Sam'l J. Axson
John I. Baker
John Elliott
Thos. Bacon, Jun'r
James Robarts
Ben Baker
John McGowan
Sam'l Sanders
Wm. N. Way
Wm. McGowan
William Baker
Thos. Sheppard
Thos. Baker, Jun'r
James Moore
Robert Stacy
Sam'l Lewis
Benjamin B. Winn
Jno. Stewart
Joseph Norman

Daniel Miller
R. H. Baker
Robert Sallet
John Winn
Oliver Stevens
Benjamin Mell
Richard Quarterman
James Mell
Robert Quarterman
John Martin
John Dunwoody
Edmund Bacon
Peter F. Winn
Jesse Ham
Joseph Wilson
Thomas Goulding
Samu'l Dowse
William McGowen
William Wilson
Jno. Kell
L. LeConte
John Wm. Wilkins
J. O. Baker
Wm. F. Ladson
Wm. Robarts
Alex'n Martin
Kinla Keep
Uriah Wilcox
Nath'l Law
Morgan Ward
Peter J. Goulding
Jno. Stevens
James Lambright
Daniel McL. Stewart
Thos. S. Winn
Jos. E. Morris
Ad. Alexander
C. Hines
Jos. Jones
Nathaniel Varnedoe
W. P. Girardeau

Donald Fraser
Thomas H. Oswald
John Coke
H. C. Baker
T. M. Kallender
Moses Way
Jno. Maxwell
William Fraser
Sam'l Jones, Jr.
Jas. S. Bradwell
William H. Mell
Wm. Anderson
Matthew Bennett
William Norman
Joseph Quarterman
William Thomson
J. D. Hathaway
John Way, Jr.
Moses W. Way
Edward Way
Wm. W. Baker
James Wilson
Benj. Mell, Jun'r
Thos. McL. Stone
Simon Fraser
Samuel Jones
Josiah Goodson
B. A. Busby
W.E.W. Quarterman
Jno. Girardeau
R.C. McConnell
W. P. McConnell
William Jones
John W. Stacy
Jo.. Hargreaves
Robert McIntosh
Robert Laing
R. F. Baker
Eugene Bacon
William Osgood
S. M. Varnedoe

William L. Baker
Henry N. Butler
M. L. Jones
Thos. J. Shepard
Robt. Laing
Robert P. Burton
A. Maybank
W. B. Fleming
Joseph F. McGowen
Geo. W. Walthour
Robert Q. Andrews
William Spencer
John B. Mallard
Jno. S. Law
James McIntosh
Samuel Spencer
Ezra Stacy
P. W. Fleming
W. M. Maxwell
J. H. Hardee
Thos. G. Way
Q. Way
Samuel Way
James S. McCollough
Wm. S. Baker
J. W. Quarterman
James S. Bullock
J. M. B. Harden
W. Maxwell
W. G. Martin
Chas. C. Jones
John S. Norman
Artemas Baker
Wm. LeConte
Thos. Q. Cassels
Charles W. West
John E. Mann
S. A. Fraser
James S. McCollough
S. S. Moody

Thos. Mallard
Thos. W. Fleming
John S. Fleming
Jas. D. Stevens
H. M. Stevens
B. B. King
J. C. Wilkins
C. H. Heywood
Irwin Rahn
Abiel Winn
Wm. W. Winn
C. S. Mallard
Jos. R. Bacon
John Mallard
Henry Way
R. Y. Quarterman
Jos. W. Roberts
John E. Fraser
Ch. B. Jones
Henry J. Jones
E. K. Delegal
J. Wilson Winn
A. Wilkins
B. W. Allen
E. L. Winn
William S. Norman
E. H. Wright
J. Thiess
J. B. Way
L. L. Varnedoe
John Cassels
N. L. Barnard
W. L. Walthour
I. N. Miller
R. F. Jones
J. E. Baker
W. J. Fulton
R. Harris
R. A. Varnedoe
J. S. Cosby

* We frequently meet in the Records of the church and even of the county courts, with the letters B and R after the name of John and William Baker. As there were two of these names, one John, the son of John, and another the son of Benjamin; and one William, the son of Benjamin, and another the son of Richard, these letters were used to distinguish them. Thus John Baker B, or William Baker B, was the son of Benjamin, whilst William Baker R was the son of Richard Baker.

Church Organization

It is very much to be regretted that we are unable to say as much concerning the organization of the church as of the society. Of the former, we have no account whatever. Indeed it seems to have been no new organization at all, but simply a transfer or continuation of the Carolina church, with its officers and members. Hence we find no mention of pastor, deacons, or elders at the first meeting; no mention of election of select men or clerk. At the second annual meeting, in 1755, it was voted that Mr. Benjamin Baker be continued clerk, and Messrs. John Stevens, John Elliott, William Baker and Parmenas Way, be continued select men. The first direct intimation in the Midway Records of the existence of a church is the mention of the administration of the sacrament of the supper and the reception of certain members into its communion. We know who was the pastor, the clerk and the select men, but who the original members, we are left largely to conjecture. These, together with the account of the organization, might have been upon the first leaves of the Record, quite a number of which are now lost. This much, however, might be said to the contrary that in the paged Index to the volume which we now have, nothing is said about those things there. It might be that the organization of the society was considered sufficient, especially

as there seems to be a mixing up at times of spiritual and temporal things in the proceedings of the society; they, in many instances, considering questions pertaining solely to the spiritual life of the church. If we only had the records of the Carolina church, this deficiency could easily be supplied. But we have no account of them even after the most diligent search. As we have a list of all who have ever joined, a list of the members in 1776, and also the baptisms of the children, and the names of parents, by a comparison and computation we can somewhat approximate to the number, and no doubt give a majority of the names with a tolerable degree of certainty, but after all, it will be but conjecture with regard to quite a number. As the removal of the families continued for several years, I seriously doubt whether the church at any time during the first three years of its existence had a membership of over seventy-five.

Deacons

As the first account of an election for deacon was in 1767, the supposition is that there was but one deacon up to that date, viz.: Mr. William Baker, who appears to have been chosen in Carolina. In the Dorchester, Mass., church, there were elders as well as deacons; so in the Carolina church at first, for we have an account of the election of William Pratt as elder, in addition to the election of two deacons. This, as already hinted, was the custom at first in many of the Congregational churches in this country, and still in England, as in the case of Mr. Spurgeon, who had a board of elders as well as deacons, but the custom has fallen into general desuetude, especially in America. The officers of the Midway church, in addition to the pastor, were deacons, elected by the church, and five 'select men' appointed annually by the society. The former were kind of a quasi rulers, to assist

the pastor in the spiritual oversight of the church, and to distribute the elements on sacramental occasions; and the latter merely an ad interim or executive committee to carry out the plans and work of the society.

On the same day that the articles of incorporation were agreed upon and signed, viz.: August 28, 1754, two questions were considered.

Location of the Meeting House

The first was the question of a new meeting house. It was then decided that the house should be erected on Midway neck, on the same spot where the log house then used, stood. This decision was reconsidered at a subsequent meeting, January 12, 1756, when it was determined that the 'hill at the cross-paths on the north side of the north branch of Newport swamp be the place of the meeting house,' being about three-quarters of a mile further to the west; at which time it was also decided that the size should be forty-four by thirty-six feet, with eighteen feet in the story, pitched roof, hipped at one end and a small steeple at the other, and the house placed on the west side of the road. It was also decided that a vestry house, sixteen by twelve feet should also be built, and for convenience, should first be erected. The object of the vestry was not as in olden times, for the keeping of the vestments and sacerdotal robes of the priest, but used as a place of deposit for the communion tables and benches and of the bier, used on funeral occasions. The writer well remembers the vestry house painted red, and standing on the west side of the main road and south of the graveyard; and still further, with what feelings of awe and alarm he would look upon that bier painted black, usually kept on the unceiled plates overhead. It was found necessary to modify the above action

of location on account of the workmen framing the building with the steeple on the west side; unwilling that the steeple should be on the opposite side from the road, it was resolved that the location of the house should be changed from the west to the east side, the steeple still in the west with the pulpit in the north, it being more comfortable for the minister in the heat of summer. This house was built in 1756, the land being deeded by Mr. John Stevens and his wife, and the contract for sawing the lumber awarded by the select men to Mr. James Maxwell the year before. There being no water or steam saw mills in those days, the work was done by hand with what was then styled a whipsaw, the log being placed upon a pen and the saw drawn through it by two men, one above and the other below. The reader can easily imagine what an undertaking it was to saw the lumber for such a structure. The fact that the lumber was in a great measure from cypress trees relieves it somewhat of its difficulty, but after all, quite an undertaking; but these sturdy Christians did not hesitate to do any thing demanded by the claims of religion. The frame was raised September 8, 1756, two years after the contract for sawing. By the beginning of the next year the house, though not finished, was sufficiently advanced for holding services, the first sermon being preached in it January 2, 1757.

Elective Franchise

The other question considered at that first meeting was that of the elective franchise - who should be entitled to a vote? According to the articles of agreement, church members were entitled to a double vote in choice of a minister, but some of the subscribers had not yet commenced settlement and become real residents. So it was voted that the privilege should be in proportion to the apparent probability of their coming to live among them.

each case being decided upon its own merits. According to this rule, it was decided that Messrs. Joseph Bacon was entitled to a whole vote, Jonathon Bacon a half, Richard Woodcraft and Isaac Bradwell and Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman, a quarter each. At the same time it was also decided that all minors should be entitled to only one-half vote.

Raising of Minister's Salary

For the first six years after the establishment of the colony, the method of raising the salary of Mr. Osgood was by subscription, in which 'several persons were rated.' At the annual meeting in March, 1761, it was decided that the minister's salary should be raised by assessment of the pews. From that time till the end it became the settled policy of the church to raise the salary by renting of the pews.

The plan adopted was not to put up the pews and rent to the highest bidder, for this might not realize a sufficient sum. But to insure the amount, a tax was put upon the several seats, from three pounds up to thirty pounds, according to position and desirability. An important question growing out of this was to decide upon what principle was the choice to be made? At first the right of choice was determined by the amount paid on pastor's salary. Thus he who had paid most would have first choice, and so on, but afterwards it was decided that the thing to determine the right of choice would be the amount of money paid to the building and repairing of the edifice. Hence the necessity of keeping what was known as a 'Book of Rights,' in which were kept the several amounts paid by different individuals and families.

As this matter of rights was likely to become a thing of barter and sale, and the whole plan open to a variety of abuses. it was soon found necessary

to guard against these abuses as well as interpret the scheme by the addition of special rules, such as the following, which were adopted at different times:

“That no person leaving the society shall transfer his right to another, except to such as the church shall approve.

“That no person on his right shall be allowed more room than required by his family, a child under six years of age being entitled to only one-half seat.

“That no person shall be allowed to choose seats on the right of any person not a frequenter of public worship in this place; nor shall any person having a right choose seats in order to dispose of them to other persons.”

The following rule, carrying out the old idea of heredity, was adopted for a while at first: “That the eldest son should enjoy the right of the deceased father, unless he shall order otherwise in his will, provided he shall accommodate the widow during her widowhood, she paying annually her part of the cost.”

On account of dissatisfaction this rule was afterwards amended, so that a man could dispose of his right by will. In case of no will, the right to be equally divided among the heirs. If they could not agree and any one of them reported it to the church, then the church would proceed to settle the case, all parties being required to submit to its arbitration.

There was still another rule, that if any person should be in arrears on the day of choosing seats, he thereby forfeited his right of choice.

Just here it may be added that it was the custom on the day of renting pews for each man to

give his note for the amount, in regular legal form, and in several instances, later on, the order was passed authorizing the select men to proceed and collect those of delinquents, by law.

Some of the above regulations may seem to us a little harsh, but we must remember that this people were as one family, in a state of isolation from the rest of the world, with no strangers in their midst to be driven off by their seeming exclusiveness. It was a matter of importance that the seats be controlled by the church. Without the above or similar restrictions outsiders might come in and control the pews to the great detriment of the church. In after years the rights so accumulated as to become under par, and persons finding it cheaper to buy than contribute to the building fund, would resort to this method of increasing their right. The church therefore found it necessary to scale the rights, which was done in 1849, at which time a reduction of seventy-five per cent was made. Two years thereafter the whole scheme of rights was abolished and the seats sold to the highest bidder.

With these restrictions, the plan of renting the pews continued in force through the whole history of the church, and was found to work well with these two decided advantages: First, the pastor's salary was more easily and certainly raised, subscribers feeling the obligation, having given their individual notes; and secondly, better order, as families worshipped together, the children being under the individual eye of the parents.

CHAPTER IV

Progress Of The Church Till The Dispersion

Mr. Osgood's Ministry

The church and congregation continued to increase under the ministry of Mr. Osgood, inso-much so that Rev. Archibald Simpson, of Carolina, when passing through on his way to the Altamaha settlement, which people he visited in 1761, expressed astonishment 'at the great and beautiful improvement in the Midway settlement, the fine plantations, the large and well finished meeting house, the good public roads, in what seven years before was looked upon as an almost impenetrable swamp.'¹

As the result of this steady and continued growth, it was soon found necessary that an addition should be made to the house, 'or some method fallen on to make more room therein.' The first plan was to 'make the gallery commodious for the whites and a shed be made for the negroes.' Whether this shed was added does not appear, but according to the statement of Mr. John Ashmore to Dr. Jones, for some time the whites had seats in the gallery with the negroes.² In 1770, it was resolved that 'an aisle be made to the house of twenty-nine by twenty feet, roof porch fashion and hip end.' This, however, seems not to have been done till 1772, when it was resolved that the addition should be to the south side with square pews, 'instead of long ones with seats only in the back parts.'

In addition to the gradual influx of emigrants from Carolina and elsewhere, which added more to the population than the natural increase,

1. Howe's His. Vol. I P. 317

2. Dr. Jones' 10th Report.

the record showing nearly as many deaths as births for the first decade; the thing that added strength and influence to the society was the rise and growth of the town of Sunbury upon the coast, and only ten miles distant.

On the 20th day of June, 1858, Captain Mark Carr conveyed to James Maxwell and others three hundred acres of land in trust, to be laid out in lots for a town at Sunbury.

The lots were sold in accordance with the terms of conveyance, and the town of Sunbury soon became a place of considerable size and importance, and also the abode of many of the members of the Midway church and congregation. As the result, we find the following record: 'On Monday, December 19th, 1763, some of the inhabitants of Sunbury, with many of the country members, met by appointment at our meeting house in the country in order to make out a call for the Rev. John Alexander to reside and preach amongst us, and it was agreed that he should be called as assistant to Rev. Mr. John Osgood, our present pastor, that in case of Mr. Osgood being rendered at any time incapable of preaching by sickness or otherwise, or in case of his being taken from us, that the Rev. Mr. Alexander shall preach a part of his time at this place in the country, and this his preaching in the town and country shall be proportioned to the salary paid him from the members and inhabitants of each place.'¹

Thus it appears that an assistant was deemed necessary, and not so much on account of the failure of Mr. Osgood's health, as necessitated by the

1. Pub. Rec. P. 4

scattered condition of the members and the rising importance of the town of Sunbury. Rev. John Alexander was called to preach at both places, the proportion being determined by the amount of money paid and number of interested people at each place.

We have no further account of Mr. Alexander. It is presumed he did not accept the position. Who Mr. Alexander was, of what church, or what ever became of him, I have not been able to find out. He seemed, however, to have been well known in the community and even a citizen of the society, as we find the record of his marriage to Hannah Godfrey March 27, 1764.

Disappointed in not securing the services of Rev. John Alexander, the church in 1767, made out a call to the Rev. James Edmonds, of South Carolina, who had been co-pastor with Rev. William Hutson, of the Independent Congregational church of Charleston, to fill the place offered Mr. Alexander, as assistant or co-pastor with Mr. Osgood. He accepted the place and arrived August 9, 1767, making his home at Sunbury. He Preached his first sermon at Midway 'on Wednesday, the 26th day of the same month, and at the Altamaha the 30th and 31st, he agreeing to supply them also once a month for the first year.'

Mr. Edmonds was a native of London, born about 1720. As described by one who knew him, 'he was in person rather above the ordinary size of men, weighing probably over two hundred pounds, had a full face and heavy eyebrows, yet he was polite, affable, dignified, and more loquacious than usual for one of his age. His manner of preaching was plain, solemn, and unostentatious. His sermons

were short, but practical and altogether extempore.¹ He continued as a kind of assistant or missionary minister, living at Sunbury, for about three years. He returned to Charleston in 1770, where he died April, 1793, aged 73. He lost his eyesight and was blind the last three years of his life.²

It was during Mr. Edmond's stay in Sunbury that Rev. Archibald Simpson made his second visit, passing through to Altamaha and spent a communion season at Midway, August 12, 1769, when the three ministers, Rev. Messrs. Osgood, Edmonds and Simpson officiated on the Lord's day. 'The congregation was large and genteel, attentive and tenderly impressed, and the whole occasion reminded him of the many sweet seasons he (Simpson) had enjoyed in Scotland.'³

After the return of Mr. Edmonds to Charleston, Mr. Osgood now becoming advanced in age and infirm in health, the church began looking around for an assistant and future pastor. They agreed June 26, 1771, upon the form of a call to be sent to New Jersey for a minister; they also agreed in the meanwhile, to have public services continued among themselves by reading sermons.⁴

Failure of Mr. Osgood's Health

Mr. Osgood's health failed in 1771, two years

1. Howe's His. P. 665.

2. While at Charleston, he was taken prisoner in 1780 after the fall of the city, and with 129 others as detained paroled prisoners on board prison ship Torbay. See Gibbs' Doc. His. and Ramsay's His. Vol. I 542.

3. Howe's His. P. 318.

4. Pub. Rec. P. 52.

before his death, but he continued to preach as he was able. During these two years we find that his pulpit was frequently supplied by visiting ministers. On Sabbath, June 16th, he was so ill as not to preach at all. On Monday after he rode in a chaise to Sunbury, where he went on board a vessel to be carried out upon the salts, to which he had been advised by his physician. On Friday of the same week, he returned home very ill, with very little hope either by himself or others of his ever preaching again. His strength, however, rallied and we find him preaching a few times afterwards. The last service he rendered was on May 5, 1773, a day appointed for fasting and prayer to have the gospel continued among them, when, after the reading a sermon by one of the members, Mr. Osgood delivered a short, pathetic exhortation which, said he, would be his last, as it proved. He was present, however, at the communion June 20, 1773, conducted by Rev. Wm. Zubly, and partook of the sacrament, though able to be up but a part of the service, which was his last attendance on public worship. He died the 2d of August, following.

No minister perhaps was ever more generally honored and universally loved by his people than this faithful servant of God; or as Dr. Zubly expressed it in his funeral discourse, 'no congregation happier in a minister, and no minister happier in a congregation.' Born and reared in their midst, coming with them from Carolina, sharing their troubles and hardships, and sympathizing with them and serving them so faithfully and long, he only the more endeared himself to them. He was a man that had the interest of the church at heart, and who felt for all classes, even his servants, as appears from his last letter.¹ Dr. Holmes, who became pastor of

1. Mallard's account.

the church some twelve years after his death, and knowing full well the influence and fragrance of his pious and holy life left behind, says of him in his Annals, that 'he was the father and friend as well as the shepherd of his flock.'¹ Bartram, the English traveler, who visited the community and attended services at the church, speaks of him as 'their pious and venerable pastor.'² So the Rev. Archibald Simpson, of Carolina, in his second visit to Midway in 1769, terms him 'a Nathanael, an Israelite indeed, much of a gentleman and yet with the most primitive and plain simplicity in his behavior, by nature and grace of a most mild, frank and pleasant disposition, and withal a most edifying, delightful and instructive preacher.'³ On the church record we find this simple yet earnest tribute: 'August 2, 1773, our dear and much honored pastor, the Rev. John Osgood, who was born and received a part of his education among us under the Rev. Mr. Fisher, our former pastor in Carolina, and finished his studies in Cambridge College in New England, where he graduated (in 1733), departed this life. He was ordained to the pastoral charge over us November 24th anno 1735, and continued so thirty-eight years and about four months, wanting but a few days.' Dr. Zubly preached his funeral sermon. His remains were borne by loving hands of his people and deposited in the graveyard near by, where they still rest. A monument was erected by the same loving hands, to mark the spot. When the church was burned in 1778 by the British, nothing, not even the sacredness of the tomb, escaped their fury. This monument, among others, was entirely defaced. But the church and

1. Annals Vol. II P. 407

2. Travels, P. 9

3. Howe's His. Vol. I P. 318.

congregation showed their affection for their old pastor and friend by erecting another in 1794, which still stands to mark the resting place of this devoted servant of God. They also ordered the publication of twenty of his sermons.

The church at the death of Mr. Osgood numbered about one hundred and twenty-five.

Temporary Supplies

After the death of Mr. Osgood, and for about four years, the church was without any regular pastor. During this long time they were supplied by visiting ministers and temporary supplies, or else, by some one of the deacons or members reading sermons, as had been done during Mr. Osgood's poor health. Among those supplying the pulpit at different times, during these four years of vacancy, we find the names of Dr. J. J. Zubly, from Savannah, who often visited them; also that of Messrs. Gillis, William Tennent, Piercy, Eccles, Joseph Cook, Daniel Robarts, and Thomas Hill.¹ Most of them preached alternately, and part of the time with seeming regularity, the church in the meantime not relaxing its effort to obtain a minister. As early as 1771, in view of Mr. Osgood's declining health 'a call was made out to be sent to the Northward to the college in New Jersey, called Nassau Hall,' and a letter forwarded to Rev. Dr. Witherspoon, the president, asking his assistance in getting a minister. Early in 1773, Messrs. Parmenas Way and Benjamin Baker were appointed to write frequently to the college in New Jersey in behalf of the church respecting the call then sent for another minister, and measures proposed for having the gospel

1. Mr. Hill was one of the ministers sent out by Lady Huntingdon into the Province of South Carolina.
2. Pub. Rec. P. 53.

preached to them in the meantime. November 22, 1773, the church agreed to give Mr. Daniel Robarts a call for one year. Mr. Robarts seemed to have been only a student, perhaps a licentiate, for on the 16th of March following it was determined that Mr. Daniel Robarts be detained and that he officiate by praying, and reading either printed, or the Rev. Mr. Osgood's manuscript, sermons among us. So at the annual meeting March 1, 1775, it was agreed 'that Mr. Robarts be continued upon trial for six months longer, and to allow him five pounds per month, he to pray and read to and among us as heretofore, and follow his studies.' At the same meeting Rev. Mr. Zubly was invited to supply them once in six weeks, they agreeing to furnish him with horses in coming and going, and at thirty pounds per year.' In May of the same year, it was agreed to send a call to Mr. William Schenck, the form of which is given upon the records, of which, however, we find nothing more said.

The next effort to obtain a minister was made September 30, 1776, when it was agreed to send to a gentlemen, who is now a preacher in Carolina, to visit and preach here with the design to give him a call." and upon his declinature, 'to write to Dr. Lyman Hall, now at the northward, to endeavor to get a minister for this place from some of the northern provinces.' 1

Later on in October they 'agreed to give a call to some minister for one year's trial, and Messrs. Thomas Quarterman, Robert Quarterman and Thomas Baker were appointed to carry the call and to offer it to any such preacher, as two of them shall agree upon.' Said messengers carried said call and offered it to Rev. Thomas Henderson, who agreed to visit them, which he did and preached for them the

8th of December, 1776.

At a called meeting at the beginning of the next year, (January 8, 1777,) the select men were instructed to write to Mr. Henderson and urge him to settle among them. The letter was written and sent to Savannah, but for some reason, was by some recalled without consulting the church.

After repeated unsuccessful efforts to obtain a preacher, and nearly four years of this sort of desultory work, a call was made out at the annual meeting in March, 1777, and sent to Rev. Moses Allen, a Presbyterian minister then supplying the Wappetaw church, Carolina, who accepted the same, removed to Midway and preached his first sermon June 22, 1777.

Church Burned

The pastorate of Mr. Allen was very short and unsatisfactory, lasting only one year, and terminating in the midst of disaster and ruin; this being the period of the revolutionary war, and everything in a more or less disordered state. So many of her sons being in the army, the church barely existed till the year 1778, when the invasion from Florida under Col. J. M. Prevost, resulted in the entire breaking up of the church, the burning of the meeting house, the destruction of the farms, the dispersion of the people, and complete breaking up of the community, which state of things continued for four long years.

Mr. Allen Imprisoned

Mr. Allen being very active in the cause of the revolution made himself very obnoxious to the British. At the fall of Savannah December, 1778, he was taken prisoner, and instead of being sent to Sunbury on parole with the other continental officers,

he being a commissioned chaplain of the Georgia brigade, he was kept on board the prison ship. Tired of confinement in his loathsome quarters, on the evening of February 8, 1779, he sought to escape by throwing himself into the river and swimming to an adjacent point, but was drowned in the attempt. His body was washed on a neighboring island and found by some of his friends, who requested a few boards of the captain of a British vessel to make a coffin, but was unable to procure them.

Rev. Moses Allen

Mr. Allen was born in Northampton, Mass., September 14, 1748, graduated at the college in New Jersey in 1772, licensed by the Presbytery of New Brunswick Feb. 1, 1774, and recommended by them as 'energetic, prudent and pious man.' On his way south he spent some days with his friend, James Madison, of Virginia, afterwards president, where he was solicited to pass the winter. He was ordained pastor of the Independent or Congregational church at Wappetaw, Christ's Parish, South Carolina, March 16, 1775, by Rev. Messrs. Zubly, Edmonds and William Tennent. After two years he preached his farewell sermon to that people June 8, 1777, and removed to Midway and died as above stated after a short pastorate of only a year, at thirty years of age.¹

Concerning his gift and power as a minister I have been unable to find out anything. He married Elizabeth Odingsell, whose sister, Mary, was the wife of Gen. James Screven. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Allen married Mr. Elisha Lee, of Great Barrington, Berkshire, Mass., and died December 11, 1843, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. One of the family descendants of Rev. Moses Allen, Mrs. H. H. Dyer, a grand niece, is still living in Rutland, Vermont.

1. Howe's His. P. 377 and Church Record.

CHAPTER V

From The Dispersion Till The Dismemberment

We here pause a moment, to call attention to the fact, that up to this time we see nothing worthy of note in the history of this people, except the element of trouble. Like their ancestors and many of themselves, who were driven from their old homes in England, with the sea passage, both to Carolina and from thence to Georgia, stormy and tempestuous, they too were driven from their homes after years of hardships and trials attendant upon settlement in a new country, pre-occupied by a savage and hostile foe. In addition to frequent sickness and death, occasioned by the malarial character of the country, they lived in constant dread of their Indian neighbors, the records showing that some of them being actually put to death by these heartless savages. Following upon all this was the invasion of the British army, the subjugation of the country, the desolations of their homes, the destruction of their crops and property, the burning of their house of worship, the dispersion of the people, only a few being left and they constantly subject to the insult and violence of marauding bands of Tories and lawless men, and all ending in the complete devastation of the country for four long years. These were the principal ingredients in the cup thus far, eloquently but pathetically set forth in the naming by one of the members, of his son, 'Ichabod,' 'the glory has departed.' But like Israel of old in the wilderness, and afterwards in their dispersion; like the Covenanters of Scotland, the Huguenots of France, or like Moses at Midian, and Paul in Arabia, this was but the preparatory stage. All this was part of the training necessary to prepare them for their grand mission. Humiliation always precedes exaltation. The cross first,

the crown afterwards. God's Plan is usually to prepare His people by a baptism of suffering for every great work. Thus it was in the case of this people, as we shall hereafter see.

The Return

The smoke of battle having passed away and peace declared, after a long and sanguinary struggle lasting for seven years, and resulting in the Independence of the American Colonies, these people began in 1782, after four years, dispersion and oppression, to return to their old homes and commenced rebuilding their houses, which had been burned, and repair their farms, which had been desolated. They were not unmindful, however, of their spiritual interest, for this had always been first with them, as with their ancestors. Continuous and coextensive with suffering we have always perceived an ever constant and accompanying stream of piety in the life of this people: as prayer and fasting before leaving Plymouth, England, daily religious services on board the ship while crossing the Atlantic, prayer and fasting before the ordination of Mr. Lord, prayer on the beach before leaving for Carolina, day of special prayer and fasting on board the brigantine Friendship, frequent days of fasting and prayer before and after their departure from Carolina, as well as numerous seasons of thanksgiving. True therefore to this instinct of their nature, they began very early looking around for a minister to break to them the bread of life. In the year 1783, and before the rebuilding of the church, a number of the members having returned, it was agreed that a call should be given Rev. James Gourlay, a native of Scotland, and a Presbyterian minister about fifty years of age, and at that time settled at Stoney Creek church, Carolina; and though in a crippled and empoverished condition, they

offered a salary of one hundred and fifty pounds. The call being presented, an encouraging answer was received. Mr. Thomas Quarterman was appointed to wait upon Mr. Gourlay and urge him to accept the same. Upon his return, Mr. Quarterman reported that among the objections made by Mr. Gourlay, the most material was the probable division in the church upon the question of location of the church building, which had always been an occasion of divided sentiment, but gave it as his opinion that if the question of location was settled at once he would immediately accept the call, whereupon the society was called together and the vote taken, and by a majority of one it was determined that the house should be built upon the ground where the old one stood. The call was renewed, accompanied with the statement of the fact that the question of location was definitely settled. But a letter was soon received from Mr. Gourlay, 'wherein he absolutely refused accepting our call.'¹ The question was then at once raised whether they should make an application to Scotland or the northern states for a minister. 'Carried by a majority that application be made to the northward.' Wherefore it was agreed that the select men should write a letter to the Rev. Mr. Hart asking him to endeavor to influence some young minister to come and settle among them. In the meanwhile hearing of a young man, Mr. Abiel Holmes, intending for the ministry and teaching school in Carolina, the select men were authorized at a meeting in May, 1784, to open correspondence with him with a view to his settlement among them to preach for one year.

Mr. Holmes having signified his acceptance of the call, in August following (1784) commenced preaching among them, and being only a licentiate,

1. Mr. Gourlay, it seems, visited the church, as the Record shows he baptized some children August 28, 1783.

in the following year, September 15, 1785, was, upon the request of the church, ordained in the chapel at Yale College, Rev. Levi Hart preaching the ordination sermon, from Galatians 1:10, Rev. Dr. Ezra Stiles offering the ordaining prayer, Rev. Dr. Williams giving the charge, and Rev. Warham Williams the right hand of fellowship.

After preaching one year, Mr. Holmes' health becoming impaired, he went to the north and instead of returning in the fall, as he intended, he made arrangement with his friend, Mr., afterwards Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Morse, then a tutor in Yale College, by which an exchange of duties and place was temporarily effected, Mr. Holmes taking his place in the tutorship and the church agreeing 'to pay the salary of Mr. Holmes to the time of his arrival to the northward,' and that of Mr. Morse from the time he set off to go to them, and to continue one month after leaving.¹ Mr. Morse was ordained November 9, 1786, and next day set sail for Georgia, where he remained six months. Mr. Holmes remained tutor for a year and then returned to his charge in November, 1787, where he remained four years more, (six in all) till 1791, when he returned north and accepted the pastorate of the church at Cambridge, Mass., and installed pastor January 28, 1792, and continued in that relation for forty years, till his death, which occurred June 4, 1837.

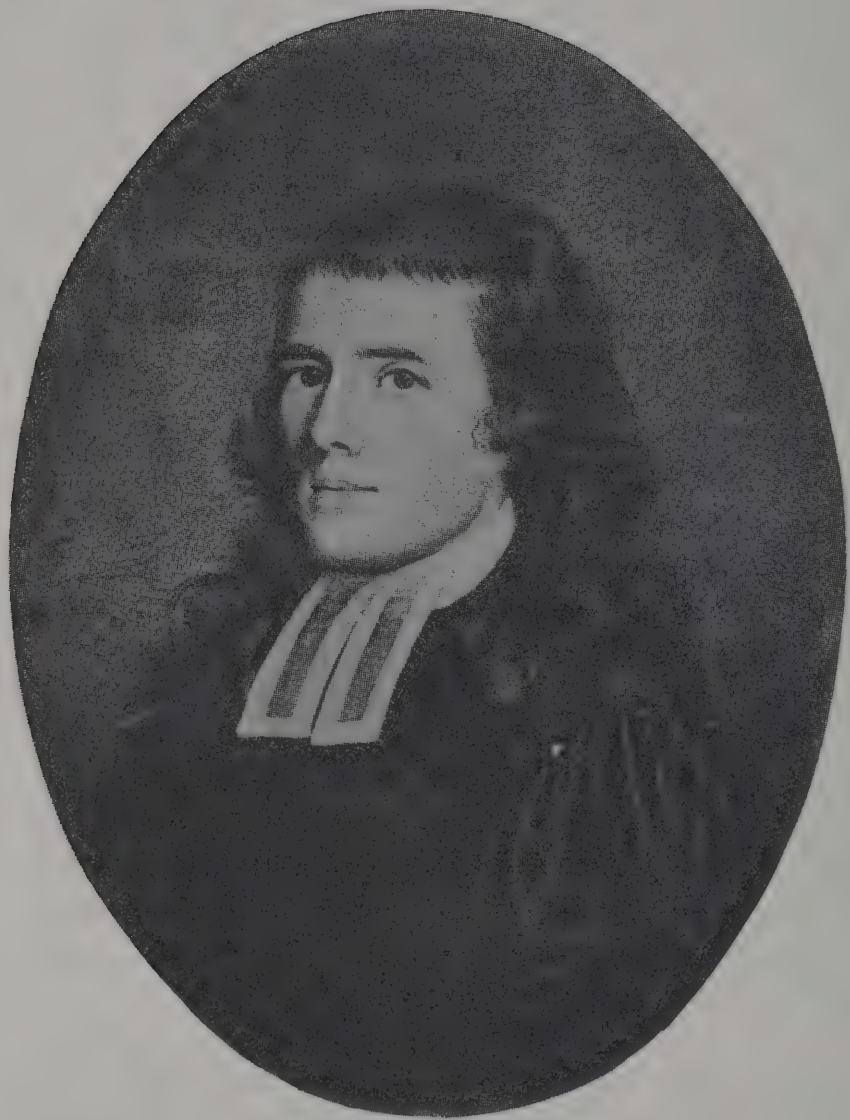
In connection with the call and acceptance of Dr Holmes, the society resolved to erect a house of worship in place of the one that had been burned. Not yet being in condition to put up such an one as they desired, they resolved to erect a coarse building, which was intended to be only temporary, forty by thirty feet, with posts in the ground and the

1. Howe's His. Vol. II, P. 40 and Church Record.

sides filled with poles, with three doors, with them the prevailing style. It was in this house Dr. Holmes spent his entire ministry of six years. At the same time it was agreed to have the Vestry House rebuilt. It was also found necessary the following year (1785) to build an addition of twelve feet to the east side and a shelter of the same width on the south end for the negroes. The parsonage was erected in 1789.

In 1790, six years after the erection of the coarse structure above mentioned, the question of a more commodious house of worship was considered and determined. This building, however, was not erected till two years afterwards (1792). The resignation and removal of Mr. Holmes, their pastor, the year following doubtless had much to do with the delay, and this the more so on account of the somewhat hurried and precipitate manner of his leaving. From the tone of the correspondence the church seemed somewhat aggrieved at his leaving. Having determined to go, he called together as many of the church and congregation as he could, and submitted his resignation, giving the health of his family as the reason for the request, and asking his dismissal, which those present could but feel bound to grant. Upon writing to them afterwards and offering to return and fill out the unexpired year and make a formal leave, the select men were instructed to reply that he was released from further obligations, it being adjudged unnecessary and unwise to impose such a burden and expense for such a short service.

The membership of the church at the close of Dr. Holmes' ministry was one hundred and forty-seven.



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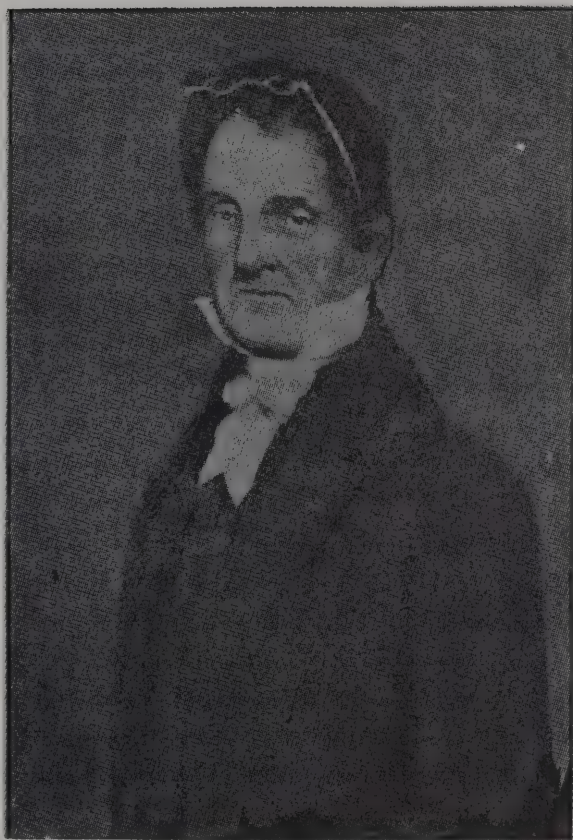
Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D.

Rev. Abiel Holmes, D.D., was born in Woodstock, Conn., December 24, 1763. His father was a physician and served as captain during the war in Canada. He graduated at Yale College September 10, 1783, and for six years was pastor of Midway church. It was during his pastorate that President Washington visited Georgia, and the church and society appointed a committee to address him a letter. Dr. Holmes was one of the committee. It was also under his ministry that the Library society was revived, of which he was president, Thos. Stevens librarian, Wm. Quarterman treasurer, and Jno. Elliott clerk. Dr. Holmes was twice married. His first wife was Mary, the daughter of President Ezra Stiles, married August 29, 1790. His second was Sarah Wendall, daughter of Oliver Wendall. Of this marriage were five children born, of whom the celebrated Oliver Wendall Holmes, novelist and writer, was the third, born in Cambridge, Mass., August 29, 1809, and died in Boston October 7, 1894. After the death of President Stiles, his father-in-law, a great many of his manuscripts were placed in his hands for publication. But his Annals, contained in two volumes, the work of his later years, will ever remain a monument to his crudition and research.

Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve

After the departure of Mr. Holmes, the church being without a minister applied to the church at Sunbury for part of the services of Rev. Reuben Hitchcock, a Congregational minister, who was at that time a teacher in the town and preaching to them. According to agreement entered into, he was to supply the Midway church once in three weeks. He began preaching to them July 31, 1791, and continued through the rest of the year. In the mean time Mr.

Cyrus Gildersleeve visited them, doubtless upon the recommendation of Dr. Rogers, of New York, to whom they had written, 'requesting him to use his endeavors to prevail with some gospel minister to come and settle among them.' Mr. Gildersleeve was a native of South Orange, New Jersey, a graduate of Nassau Hall, and a licentiate of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. He commenced preaching to them December 11, 1791. At the annual meeting in March of next year a regular call was extended to him and upon the solicitation of the church, he went north and was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, with special reference to the work at Midway, to which place he returned in the fall, and where he remained laboring successfully for more than nineteen years. During this long pastorate the church grew gradually in numbers, but more in influence and strength, the work of Mr. Holmes being in a great measure preparatory to it. Having taken charge just after the dispersion, at the close of the war, with everything in a broken down and dilapidated condition, he spent his ministry principally in repairing the ruins and getting ready for the work of his successor. When Mr. Gildersleeve came, therefore, he found everything in readiness for an onward march. It was about this time the people began to discontinue the culture of rice, and also to remove to summer resorts for health, which materially reduced the rate of mortality. It was during this time the large and more comfortable house of worship was erected, which still stands, though rapidly going to decay, the preparatory steps, however, having all been taken the year before, Mr. Holmes having spent his entire ministry in coarse temporary building put up during the war. The records of the church show large and yearly accessions to the membership. We see, too, mention made of the addition of a bell and lightning rods, working upon



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the gallery, painting the house, and other signs of improvement; also increase of pay of sexton, precentor, and clerk, as well as salary of minister, which was raised from £130 to \$800, exclusive of the rent of the glebe. It was during his ministry that the project of establishing a County Academy was considered and determined upon; also towards the close of his ministry that the church took action looking to the enlargement of the cemetery and inclosing the same with a substantial brick wall, the work, however, not completed until after he had left, and during the ministry of his successor. The number of church members at the close of the ministry of Dr. Holmes was one hundred and forty-seven. The number reported in 1797, five years after, was one hundred and fifty-nine. According to the same rate of increase, the number of white members at the close of his ministry could not have been less than one hundred and eighty.

After a successful ministry of over nineteen years, Mr. Gildersleeve tendered his resignation in the following communication:

December 15, 1810

My Dear Brethren:- I have to communicate only that which must already be known to you in an individual capacity: that is, my expectation of a permanent removal, in the ensuing spring, from the dear people of my charge, with whom my best days have been spent, and my union to whom hath become strong by the growth of my days. My one and only reason for this arrangement is that I may be with my dear children and have them in a healthy clime. Whether the reason be sufficient or not before God, is more than I am able positively to determine. It has been the subject of many sober thoughts for some months past, and it seems to be one of those cases in which

the path of duty is less plain than I could desire. I would have been willing to have deferred this communication a few weeks longer, but it being possible that you may have to take immediate steps to obtain a supply, that there may be no intermission in the ordinances of religion among you, have judged it proper to delay no longer. While doubts, whether my own health will be as good in another climate, in connection with the consideration of the many strong ties that must be broken by a removal, compel me to hesitate, it is my desire that you will neglect no measures, that may seem meet to your wisdom to procure a gospel minister, for I cannot at this time promise a continuance with you. May heaven direct in answer to your prayers and bless you in a matter so important to your religious welfare. I am with great regard, your brother and obedient servant in a precious Christ.

CYRUS GILDERSLEEVE.

To The Select Men of Midway Church and Society.

In the above letter the only reason assigned is that 'he might be with his dear children, and have them in a healthy clime.' As he seemed himself to have some doubt in his own mind whether the reason would be sufficient before God, we might be allowed to express some doubt in this same direction.

Upon the reception of the letter, a meeting of the church was called, a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Gildersleeve and see if he could not consent to return the next fall and continue as their minister, but declining to make any such promise, the church reluctantly accepted the resignation. Mr. Gildersleeve, after the relinquishment of his charge, removed to New Jersey, and soon after was settled over the church in Bloomfield. He died in Elizabethtown in that state in 1838, aged about sixty-nine years.

He was twice married, first to Mrs. Renchie Elliott, Jan. 1, 1793, formerly Miss Renchie Norman, who had herself been twice married before, first to Thomas Quarterman, March 29, 1787, and secondly to Senator John Elliott, July 1, 1790. His second marriage was to Mrs. Frances C. Wilkinson, nee. Kennedy, May 12, 1805, and who died Feb. 1, 1856, and was buried in Bloomfield.

Rev. Murdoch Murphy

Upon the resignation of Mr. Gildersleeve, the church invited Mr. Murdoch Murphy to preach to them for one year. Mr. Murphy at the time seemed to be preaching in the upper part of the county at Cannouchee, and within easy reach. Hence the proposition of some to accede to the offer of Mr. Gildersleeve to remain and preach to them till May or June of next year, leaving it an open question whether he would return or not in the fall, which being negatived, the second proposition was adopted, that Mr. Murphy be invited to become their minister, and that Mr. Gildersleeve be requested to preach to them until April next, 'as Mr. Murphy's engagement at Cannouchee would not expire until that time.'

At first, the choice of Mr. Murphy did not seem to give entire satisfaction. He was chosen only by a vote of twenty-eight to thirteen. At the regular meeting in March, 1811, as there was dissatisfaction on the part of a considerable portion of the congregation, it was agreed by a majority that the select men 'take timely measures to procure a minister from Scotland to officiate in this church, commencing on the second Wednesday in March, 1812,' the time to which Mr. Murphy had been called. This action, however, was rescinded at a called meeting held two months later. In a short while all opposition to Mr. Murphy seemed to have subsided and he continued minister for nearly thirteen years, the

people in the meantime showing their appreciation of his services by voting an assessment of seventy-five cents upon each seat, to raise \$200 to procure a library for him, and their willingness to sell the glebe land in the lower part of the county, and for his better accommodation to invest the proceeds in the purchase of the plantation of Gen. Stewart in Goshen swamp, for a glebe for the use of the minister, and the increase of the salary from \$800 to \$1,000 per year, and that too in view of his intimation that he was about to leave them, and as an inducement for him to remain. At the annual meeting in 1818, he stated his intention to remove at the end of the year. The church voted to continue him for six months, and appointed a committee to wait upon him and induce him to remain, and also increased his salary as above stated. The committee reported in a few days to a called meeting and stated the terms upon which he would remain, to which they cheerfully agreed, viz: 'that they would allow him the privilege of visiting his friends six or eight weeks once in every two years, and this absence to be at a season when the church and society are at their respective summer resorts.' Mr. Murphy continued four years longer, and again tendered his resignation at the annual meeting in 1822, to take place in the fall. The church appointed a committee again to wait upon him as before, but he being persistent in his purpose, the church accepted his resignation and proceeded to elect Rev. Robert Quarterman as his successor.

Rev. Murdoch Murphy

Concerning the early life of Mr. Murphy we know little. He came from the Carolinas, but must have been a native of Scotland, or of Scotch parentage, for he could speak the Gaelic, and used to make occasional visits to a Gaelic settlement

upon the Altamaha river, in the county of Montgomery, and conducted the second service in that tongue for their special benefit, the old house used for the purpose standing for a number of years after, and pointed out as a relic of the past. He was a licentiate of Orange Presbytery, N.C., and being appointed in October, 1804, by the Synod of the Carolinas, as a missionary for the part of South Carolina, was received by the Presbytery of South Carolina March 15, 1805. Having received a call from the Black River church, Georgetown district, was ordained and installed pastor of that church May 17, 1805, Rev. Geo. G. McWhorter preaching the sermon and Dr. Stephenson propounding the questions and delivering the charge to the people. He was dismissed back to the Presbytery of Orange March 2, 1809,¹ and received into Harmony Presbytery at Savannah December 7, 1811. After this he seemed to have returned to Robeson county, N.C., from whence he was called to preach to the Revivalist or Newlight party of the Red Bluff church, Little Peedee River, Marlboro district, N.C., and on a different day from Mr. Colin Lindley's appointment. The congregation being divided over the religious excitement of the times, it is said the Antirevivalist or Old Light party built a wall around the church. The keeper of the key (Mr. John McKay) leaped over the fence and opened the door to Mr. Murphy, who held services and without further interruption. He continued to hold services at private houses until a new house of worship was erected by the Revivalists, a mile and a half away. The new organization was called Sharon church.² Soon afterwards Mr. Murphy came to Georgia. It was during his ministry that the brick wall was built around the Midway grave-

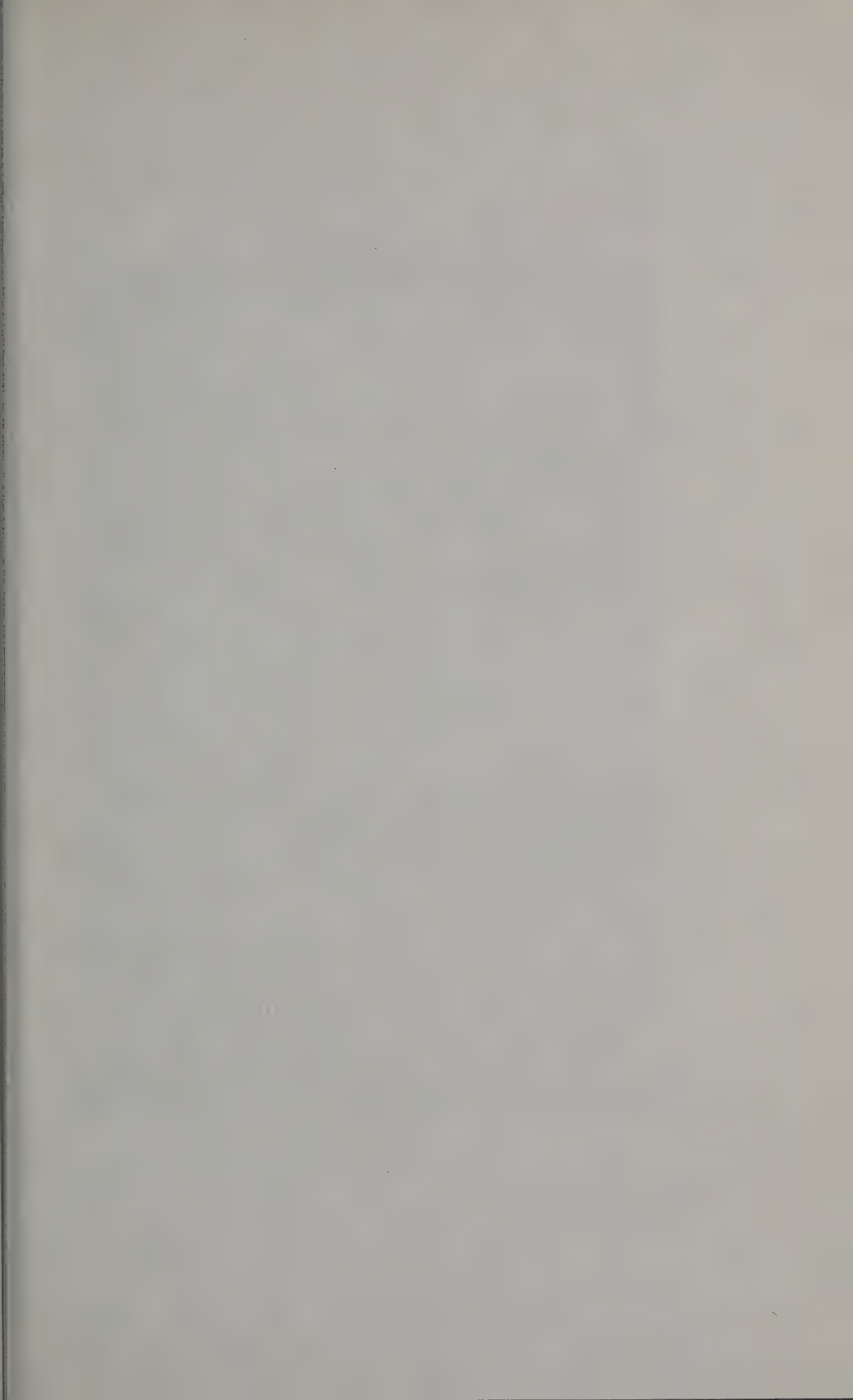
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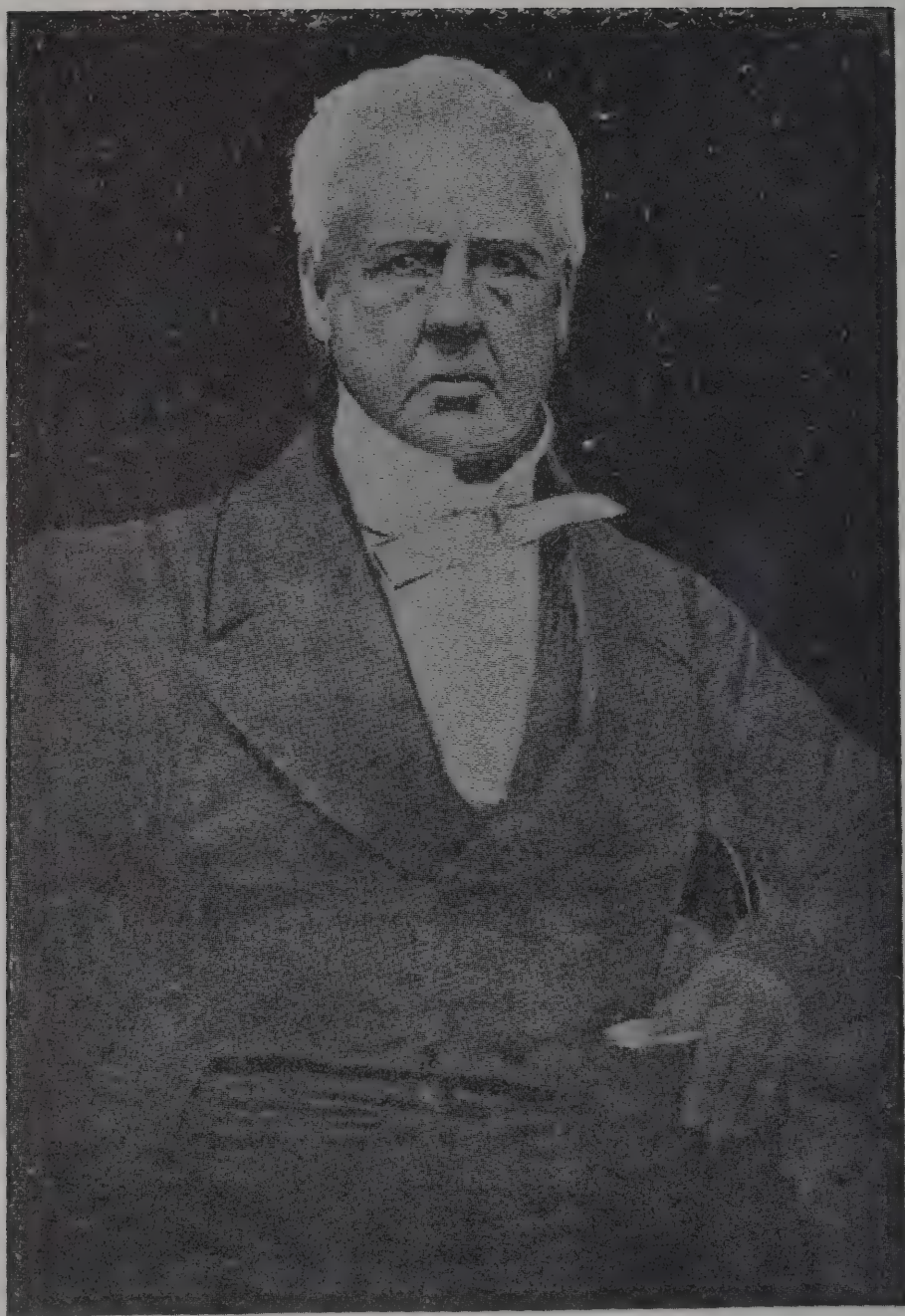
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yard, and also a subscription opened for repairing and repainting the house of worship. The only specimen of his preaching that has fallen into my hands, is his funeral sermon at the death of Rev. Thos. S. Winn, Baptist minister, preached at Midway church January 28, 1819, which sermon was published. If that be taken as a specimen, he must have been a man of fine parts, for it is replete with fine thoughts strongly expressed. He also preached a sermon before the Presbytery of Alabama on Female Benevolence, which was highly complimented by the Presbytery, and ordered published.¹ This I have never seen. He must have been a rigid disciplinarian from the following incident told me: 'During the lingering illness of Major John Winn, one of the members had a dance at her house, and Mr. Murphy said, "that will never do, never do," and upon his suggestion the church dealt with the recalcitrant member, which gave the complete quietus to that amusement for one whole generation.' Dr. Howe, in his history, speaks of him as 'a man of many virtues.' He resigned his charge at Midway in 1823. After leaving Liberty county he emigrated to Alabama, that he might spend the remainder of his days with his brother John,² who was living there, and afterwards governor of that state, from 1825 to 1829. While there he preached in the bounds of Alabama Presbytery, joining the same November, 1826. About this time he removed to Spring Hill, near Mobile, and continued to preach in and around that place, he being one of the pioneer ministers, whose labors led to the organization of the Government Street Pres-

1. Ms. Letter of Rev. T. S. Winn.

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REV. ROBERT QUARTERMAN.

byterian church, March 3, 1831.¹ He died February 8, 1833.

Rev. Robert Quarterman

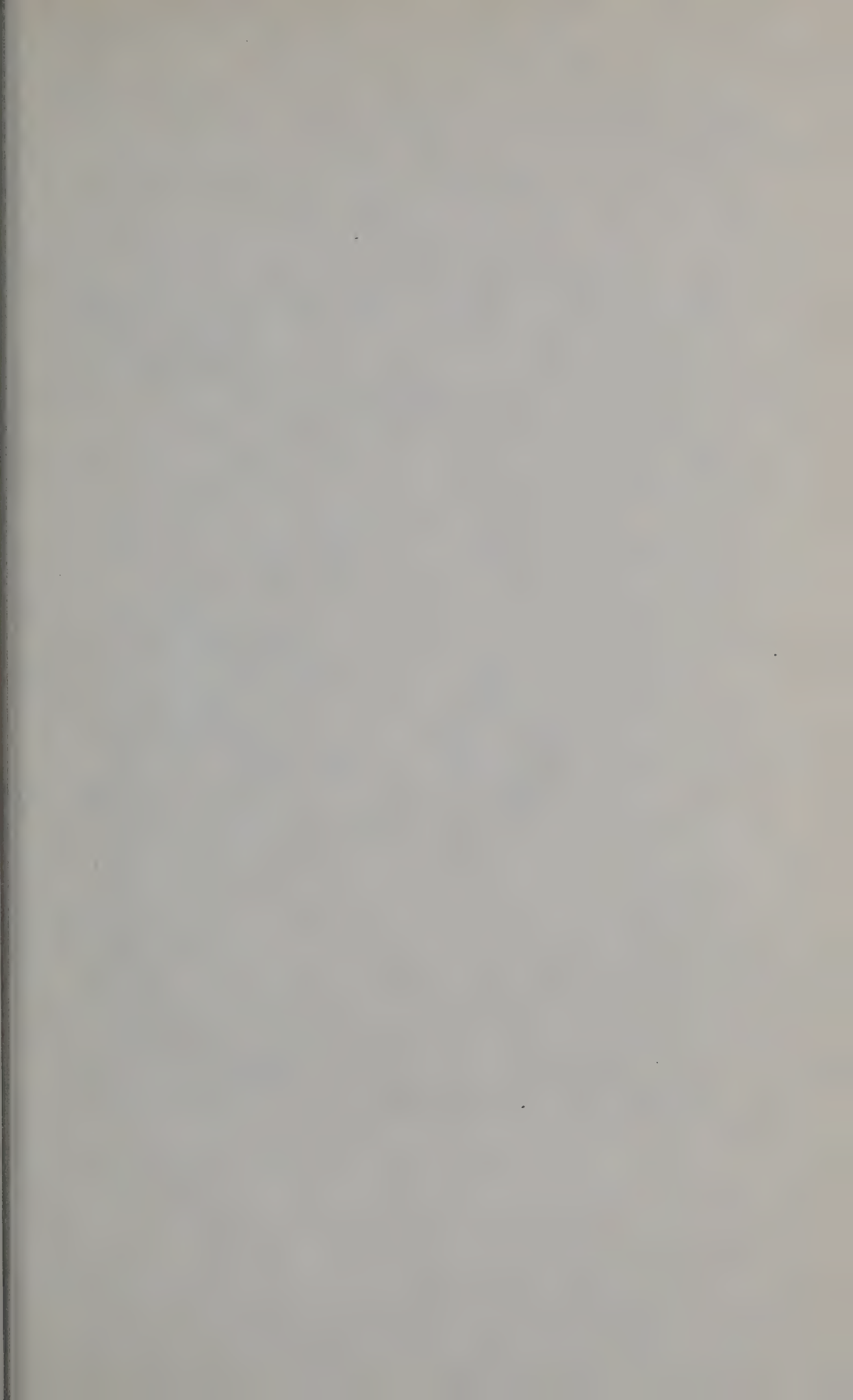
Upon the resignation of Mr. Murphy, the eyes of the church were at once turned to Rev. Robert Quarterman, a native born son of the church, who for a number of years had been an acceptable deacon in the same, and who at that time was a licentiate of the Presbytery of Georgia and preaching at Claiborne, Alabama. A man in the prime vigor and maturity of manhood, with a family, being then in the thirty-sixth year of his age. Having accepted the position, he was ordained and installed pastor of the church by the Presbytery of Georgia, which met at Midway May 27, 1823, and continued pastor twenty-six years, until his death in 1849, living all that time in the faithful discharge of duty, honored and revered by all, and of whom we will speak more particularly when enumerating the native ministers of the church.

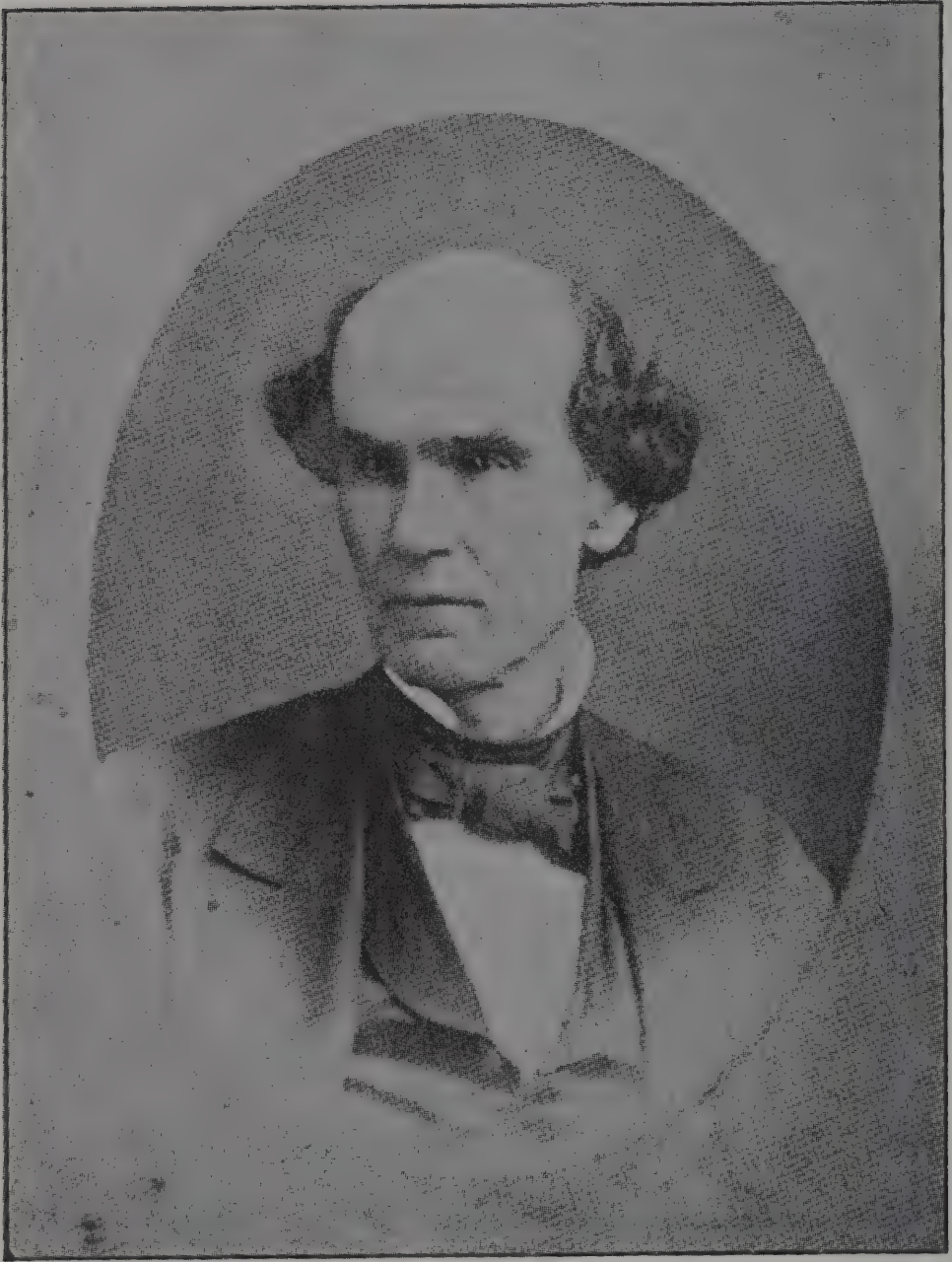
Retreats And Co-Pastors

As the colony increased, and the localities first occupied in the midst of the swamp lands proving to be unhealthy, different settlements began to be formed in the upper and higher parts of the county, to which the planters would take their families during the sickly months of summer, returning again after frost to their plantations, each going to the retreat most contiguous and convenient to his farm. Sunbury, being on the Salts, had already become the home of many, at which place a branch church seems to have been organized and supplied by Rev. Reuben Hitchcock, a Congregational mini-

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ster, and who also had charge of the academy at that place; but being inconvenient to many by reason of the distance, it was necessary to search for other places contiguous to the different sections. So we find settlements made at what was first known as the 'Sand Hills', some fifteen miles southwest of Midway, afterwards named Walthourville, in honor of Mr. Andrew Walthour, a wealthy planter, who first settled the place; and at 'Gravel Hill,' eleven miles to the northwest, afterwards named Flemington, after Mr. William Fleming, its first settler, and also one of the deacons of the church. So the people in the neighborhood of Riceboro, on the south, went across Bulltown swamp into the edge of McIntosh county and formed a settlement there in the piney woods, some eight miles from the church, and named it 'Jonesville,' in honor of Mr. Samuel Jones, its first settler. Some few of the families also settled at Cannouchee Bluff and Taylor's Creek, still further northward and on higher ground; and later on, after the decline and abandonment of Sunbury, on account of its increasing unhealthiness, at the little village of Dorchester, about half way between Sunbury and Midway church. To these places the people would go during the summer months, but returning to their farm homes in the winter; thus the congregation became very much scattered. Instead of one, there were three, and part of the time four, of these localities from fifteen to fifty families in them. As might have been anticipated, on account of the inconvenience and expense of moving so often, many began to remain permanently at these retreats, and soon commenced building academies and afterwards church edifices, and on account of the difficulty of attending at Midway, soon began to clamor for services at these other places. The absolute necessity of more ministers than one soon became apparent, as in the case of Rev. Mr. Edmonds assisting Mr. Osgood after the





REV. I. S. K. AXSON, D.D.

establishment of Sunbury. So it was determined to employ a colleague and co-pastor to Rev. Robert Quarterman.

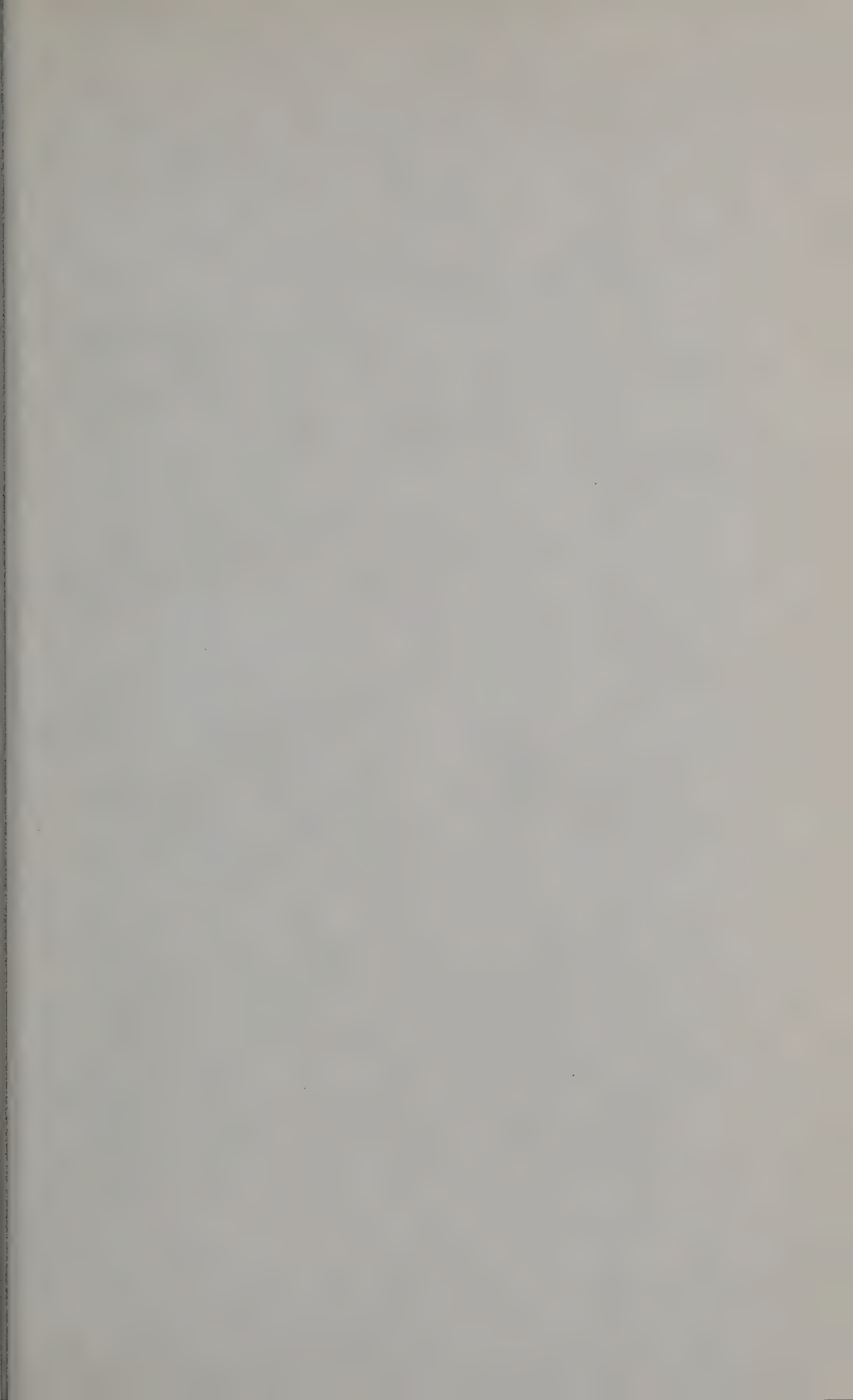
Rev. I.S.K. Axson

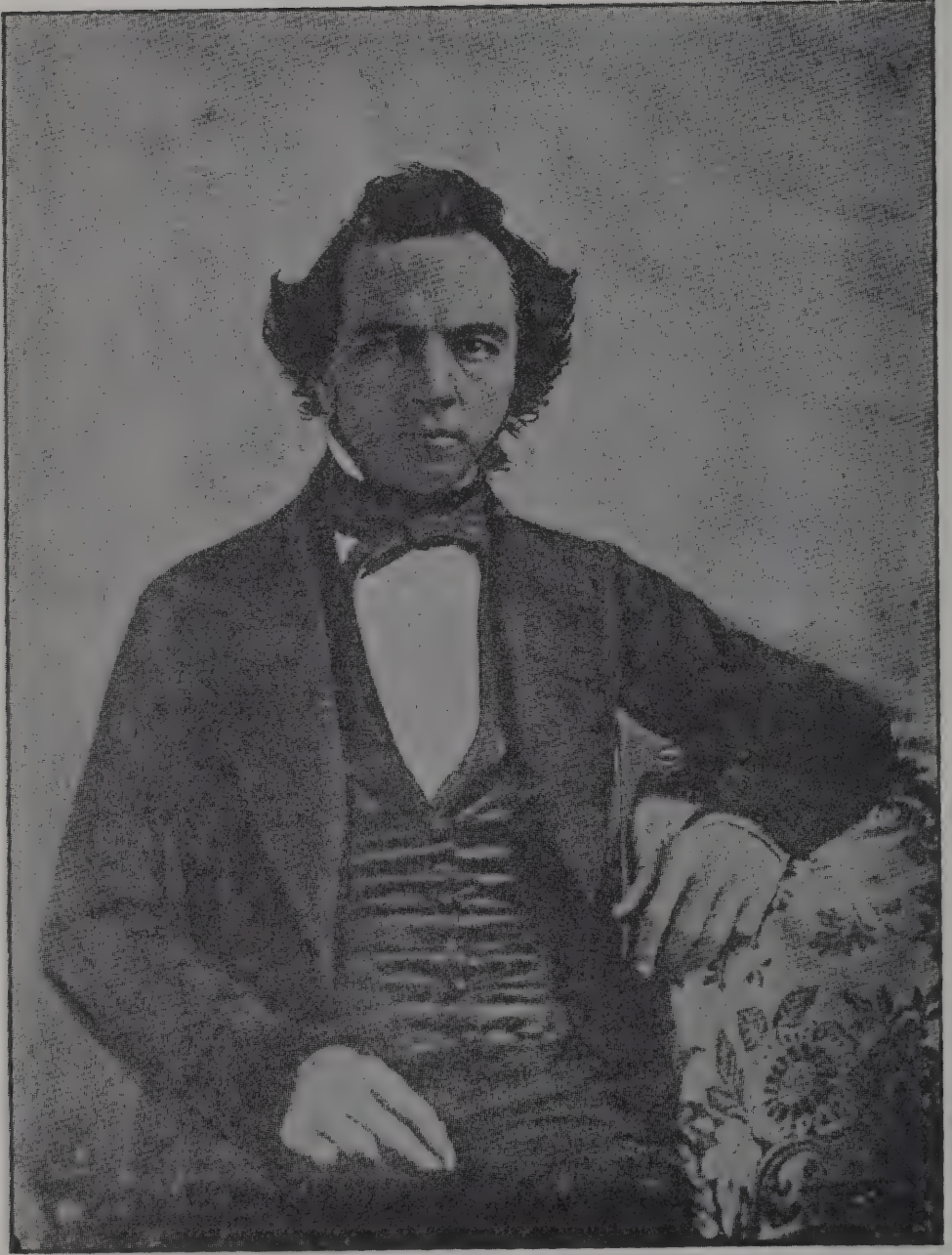
In March, 1836, Rev. I. S. K. Axson, a native of Charleston, born October 3, 1813, who had been licensed and ordained by the Charleston Presbytery in 1834, and who was then and had been supplying the old Dorchester church, South Carolina, for two years, was invited to settle as colleague. He accepted the position, removed to Liberty county, and preached his first sermon at Midway, April 29, 1836, and in connection with Rev. Robert Quarterman, supplying the different retreats in connection with Midway. It will be borne in mind that at that time there were not different organizations, but simply preaching places, the ordinances still being dispensed at Midway. The plan at first being to hold services at that place every Sabbath by one of the ministers, but as the number of families going to these retreats increased, services were held at that church only through the winter months, at least two-thirds of the ministers' time being given to the retreats. So it being inconvenient for the members to go to that place to have their children baptized, it was agreed that this ordinance be administered by the pastors at these different retreats, but no such relaxation was ever allowed as to the communion service, or the reception of members. These were always attended to at the old church. There the annual meetings of the society were held, there members were received, and there, four times in the year, the members from all parts of the county expected to meet for the breaking of bread.

Mr. Axson continued co-pastor until the death of Mr. Quarterman in 1849, when he became senior

pastor, and so remained, greatly beloved and endeared to all till his health failed, being afflicted with a throat trouble, which placed him under the necessity of tendering his resignation. The church, unwilling to accept it, granted him a vacation in 1851, being temporarily supplied by Rev. R. M. Baker, a native of Liberty, and one of her sons. Mr. Axson's ill health still continuing, he was in 1852 relieved of duty, with a continuance of his salary, and Rev. John Winn, missionary to the colored people, being employed for half his time during the larger part of the year 1853. Still continuing infirm, in the fall of this year Mr. Axson again tendered his resignation, which the church most reluctantly accepted. Being released, he removed to the up country, thinking the climate would be advantageous to his health, and became president of the Female college at Greensboro, Georgia, in 1854, and in addition to his duties, preaching at different times to the churches of Greensboro, Madison and Washington, till called to the pastorate of the Independent Presbyterian church of Savannah in 1857, which position he ably and acceptably filled till the time of his death.

Dr. Axson excelled as a preacher. The pulpit was emphatically his throne. He always brought beaten oil into the sanctuary. His invariable custom was to use the manuscript, which was quite acceptable to the people, who had always been trained to that method of delivery, and which he handled with a great deal of skill. Making his home at Jonesville, from six to twenty miles distant from the greater portion of his field, and a hard student withal, it could hardly be expected that he could do much pastoral visiting. They felt amply compensated, however, for the deprivation in the interesting and instructive discourses with which he favored them. As evidence of his pulpit gifts, and at the same time proof of his modesty and deep devotion to his people,





REV. THOMAS SUMNER WINN.

it need only be stated, that though receiving flattering calls to larger fields, as Charleston, Macon, and Columbus, he invariably declined them all; and it seemed necessary that the hand of affliction should be put upon him in order to remove him to a larger field. After a pastorate in Savannah of thirty-four years, universally respected and beloved, as in his former field, Dr. Axson died there March 31, 1891, in the 79th year of his age. The funeral, though on a rainy day, was largely attended. His remains were buried at Laurel Hill cemetery in that city.

Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn

After the failure of Rev. Mr. Quarterman's health in 1847, he was retired as honorary pastor with an annuity of \$400, and the church and society met to elect a successor as colleague to Mr. Axson. Several names were put in nomination. After several ballotings, Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn, one of the sons of the church and regular descendant of the first pastor, Rev. John Osgood, was elected, and he entered upon his labors as co-pastor with Mr. Axson in February, 1848.

After the resignation of Mr. Axson, in 1853, Mr. Winn became senior pastor, and being left alone, the church secured temporarily the partial services of his brother, Rev. John Winn, at that time missionary to the colored people.

In 1854, the church elected as colleague to Mr. Winn, Rev. afterwards Dr. D. L. Buttolph, a native of Norwich, N.Y., a graduate of Williams College and Columbia Seminary, and who was then assisting Rev. Dr. Thomas Smyth, pastor of the second church, Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Buttolph had scarcely commenced his labors as co-pastor when Mr. Winn, the senior

pastor, the next year 1855, tendered his resignation, after serving the church acceptably for seven years, and removed to Hale county, Alabama, to accept the pastorate of a group of churches, to which he had been called, and which he continued to serve for forty years. The church and congregation of Midway were unwilling to accept his resignation and asked him to withdraw it, but upon his refusal to accede to their request, nothing was left on part of the church but to accept it, which they did with reluctance. Mr. Winn's pastorate extended from February, 1848, to February, 1855. We will speak of his labors more fully on a future page.

CHAPTER VI

From The Dismemberment Till The Dissolution

The Dismemberment

The resignation of Mr. Winn was soon followed by an event, which for some time had been foreseen, and which, though necessary, was very much regretted, as it was the beginning of dismemberment of the old church, and too clearly foreshadowing what was to be in the future. That event was the organization of the Walthourville church.

Walthourville Church

The population of Walthourville, one of the four retreats, having increased considerably, and it being so inconvenient, if not impossible, for the people to go so far (15 miles) to attend upon the ordinances of the sanctuary, it was deemed advisable by the members residing there, to have a separate and independent organization of their own. Accordingly a letter was sent to the session of Midway church, signed by sixteen of the more prominent members, and asking for a separate organization. The letter was written in the spirit of brotherly love, and was answered in the same kind and conciliatory spirit, as appears from the following correspondence:

WALTHOURVILLE, March 12, 1855.

To the Midway Congregational Society, Brethren and Friends:

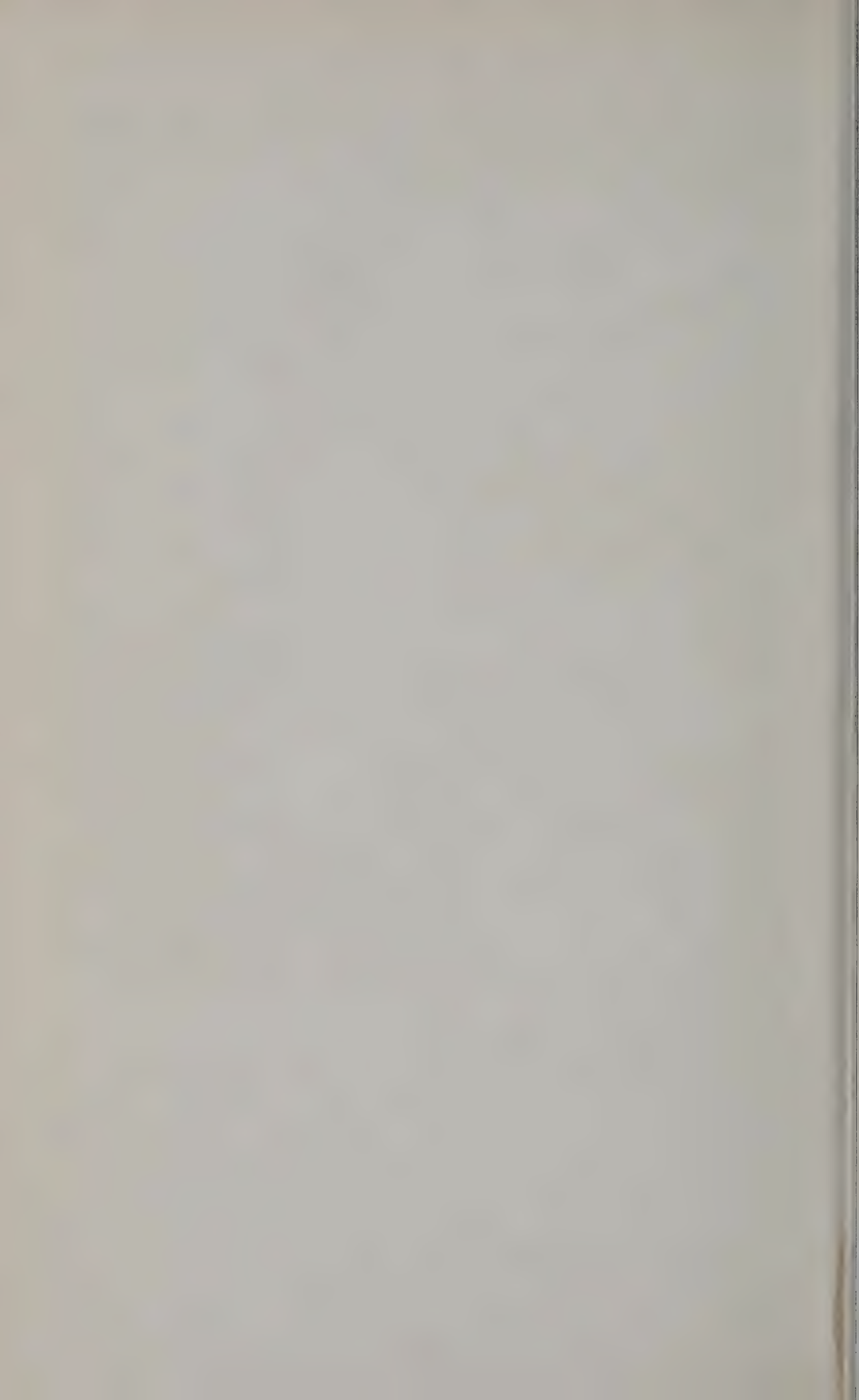
The period having arrived, which was deemed by the undersigned a proper time for a separation from your ancient and excellent association, we

cannot take our farewell of you without expressing our regret and affection, and reassuring you that our action proceeds only from necessities, which are beyond our control. The great distance of our community from Midway precludes the possibility of a regular attendance upon the administration of the sanctuary. This sad privation is felt particularly by our aged, our youths and our servants; and the growing prospects of our village demand that we should secure the more constant and permanent influences of pastoral supervision and Sabbath services. And these important ends cannot be properly attained without the organization of a church and the settlement of a minister in our midst.

Thus you have in a few words our reasons for desiring an association of our own, and we feel persuaded that you will appreciate our motives, and regard our action as a peaceful withdrawal for the most worthy ends. We do not leave you to go far hence into a strange country, but as a branch to be nurtured under the shadow of the present vine, a youthful colony to be cherished by a fostering mother, we feel that in many respects we shall still be one with our parent church; one in the fond memories, the cherished associations, and the sacred history of the past; one in the commingling dust of our fathers; one in the kindred efforts to build up the kingdom of our Lord and Redeemer, and to transmit to our offspring an open Bible, a pure gospel, an evangelical ministry, an orthodox creed, and an active and spotless church. In taking leave of you, therefore, we earnestly ask your blessing and best wishes, and that you would unite with us in fervently praying that our separation may be overruled to the benefit of both churches, and the promotion of pure religion throughout our bounds.



Walthourville Presbyterian Church



Yours very truly and respectfully,

Eugene Bacon	A. S. Quarterman
W. Q. Baker	J. N. Miller
D. A. Miller	C. B. Jones
P. W. Fleming	Thos. S. Mallard
T.W. Quarterman	Jos. Quarterman
J. P. Stevens	Wm. F. Way
R.Y. Quarterman	H. M. Stevens
G. T. Handley	Thos. Quarterman

Reply

March 25, 1856

To the Walthourville Church and Society, Dear Brethren and Friends:

Your communication of the 12th of March, 1855, to the Midway Congregational Society was duly received and acted upon at our annual meeting of last year. A committee was appointed to respond to your letter, which, from some misunderstanding of the committee, they have failed to do. The undersigned have been appointed at our subsequent meeting to respond to your communication, and to express in an especial manner our sincere regret at the apparent neglect. And we would say in the outset, your communication has been received in the very kindest spirit in which it was written, and although we exceedingly regret your separation from us, yet your reasons for so doing are good and sufficient, and apparent to us all, and we do appreciate the motives that prompted you to this action; and as you say, 'we do not leave you to go far hence into a strange country, but as a branch to be nourished under the shadow, a youthful colony to be

cherished by a fostering mother.' So we hope we shall ever continue to feel that we are one people. We would therefore bid you God speed and wish to pray that you may become a large and flourishing vine, a pure and Godly church, whose members will feel individually called upon to be actively engaged in their Master's cause, to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. And although we may be fighting under different captains and in separate companies, yet we trust we shall be cheered on by the presence of the great Captain of our salvation, until our warfare shall be ended, and we hear the plaudit, 'Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

Very respectfully and sincerely we remain
your brethren in Christ,

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In accordance with the above request thirty-three of the members of Midway church were dismissed to be organized into a separate and independent church.

Those who were thus dismissed met May 19, 1855, to determine what form of government they would adopt, the form of the mother church being Congregational. After a lengthy and exhaustive discussion lasting two hours, the vote was taken which stood: For Presbyterianism, 22; for Congregationalism, 2.

The vote was afterwards made unanimous. Thus the Presbyterian form of government became the government of this new organization.

Upon application to the Georgia Presbytery, the church was organized on Friday, July 27, 1855,

by a committee of the Presbytery, consisting of Rev. C. C. Jones, D.D., Rev. John Jones and Rev. D.L. Buttolph. There were also present as visitors Rev. John Winn, Rev. Donald Fraser and licentiate R. Q. Mallard.

The following are the persons signing the petition to the Presbytery, and who were at that time constituted into a church:

NAMES

Mrs. Thos. Quarterman	Mrs. S.M. Quarterman
Mrs. S. H. Quarterman	Mrs. Sarah J. Way
Miss H. A. Quarterman	Mrs. Sarah M. Walthour
Miss C.C. Quarterman	Miss C. Kallender
Mrs. James N. Jones	Mrs. C. A. Fleming
Mrs. Harriet S. Handley	Miss H. A. Newell
Mrs. Jane A. Fleming	Mr. W. Quarterm'n Baker
Miss L. Matilda Baker	Mr. Thos. Quarterman
Mrs. S. L. Quarterman	Mr. Eugene Bacon
Mrs. M. R. Miller	Mr. David A. Miller
Miss Mary E. Miller	Mr. Joseph N. Miller
Mrs. E. R. Winn	Mr. Robt. Y. Quarterman
Mrs. Mary Bacon	Mr. A. S. Quarterman
Mrs. Sarah S. Way	Mr. Thos. S. Mallard
Mrs. Lydia Laing	Mr. T. W. Quarterman

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The following were the officers chosen:

Ruling Elders

W. Q. Baker

Thomas S. Mallard

Deacons

David A. Miller

Thomas W. Quarterman

The first meeting of the Session was held July 28, 1855, and the first communion on Sunday, July 29, 1855.

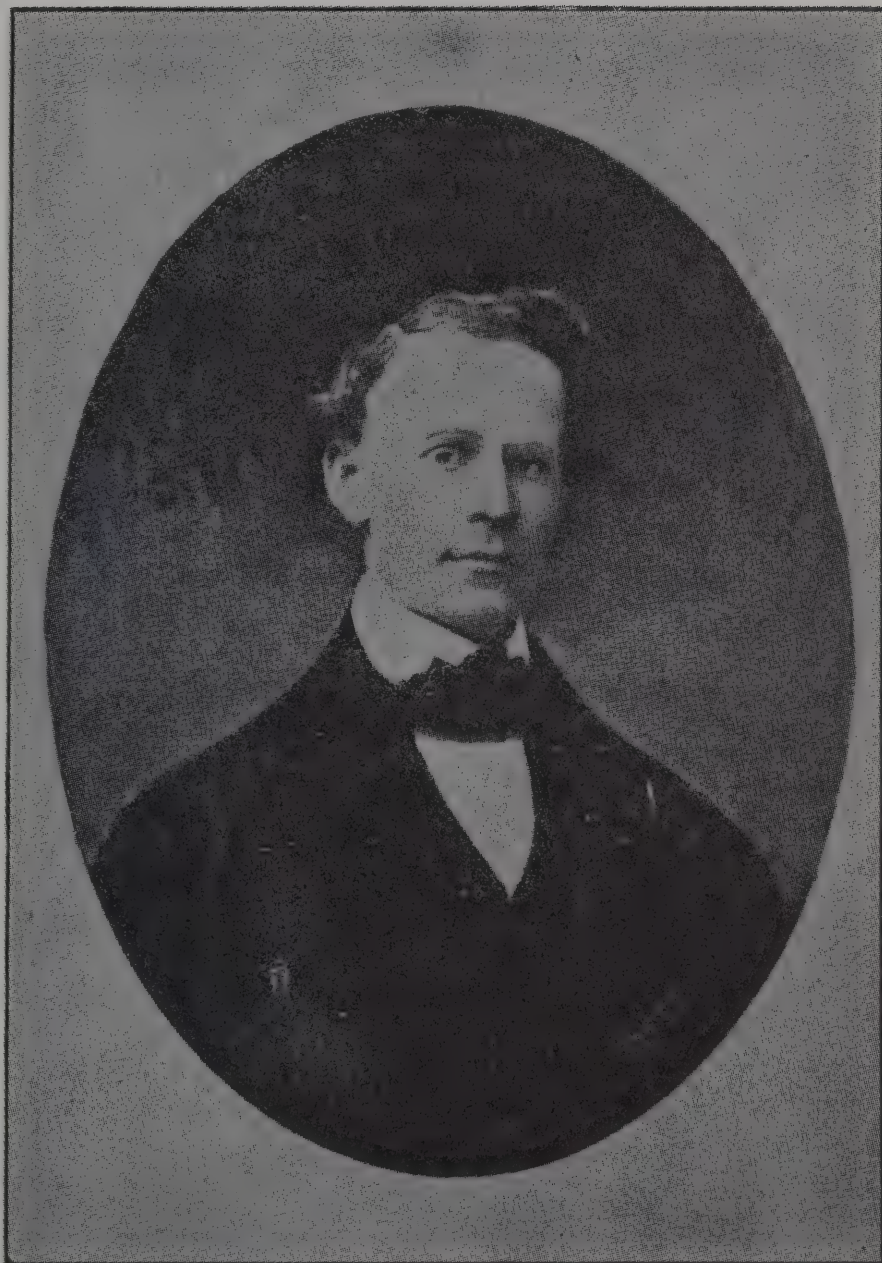
Pastors

The church was supplied by the Rev. John Jones till the end of the year. On January following, (1856) Rev. R. Q. Mallard, a native of Liberty county, then a licentiate of Georgia Presbytery and temporarily supplying the church at Midway, was ordained and installed their pastor, and so continued to fill the position till October, 1863, when he was called to the pastorate of the Central church at Atlanta. After a short supply by the Rev. R. Q. Way, the Rev. N. P. Quarterman became pastor, and so continued from July, 1866, to April, 1870, when he was called to take charge of the Anderson Presbyterian church, Savannah. He was succeeded by Rev. J. W. Montgomery, who supplied the church from January, 1871, to April, 1890. He was succeeded by Rev. E. W. Way, who filled the pulpit from December, 1891, to April, 1895, when he resigned the field and removed to Gainesville, Florida. At the time of his resignation the membership of the church numbered seventy-five.

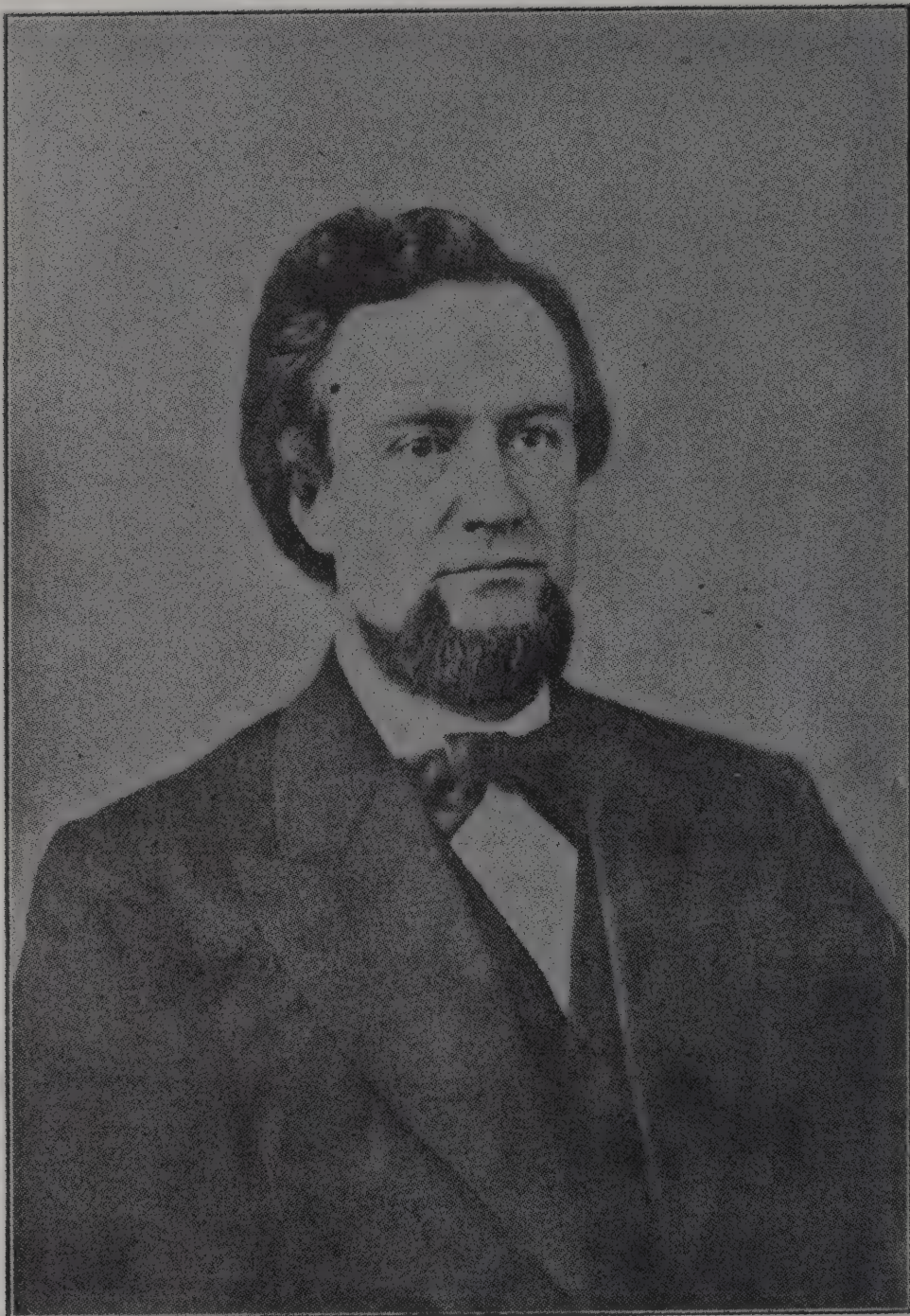
History of Midway Church Continued

Rev. John F. Baker

After the resignation of Rev. T. S. Winn in 1855, Mr. Buttolph was left the sole pastor of Midway church; and although the Walthourville people had withdrawn, and the field thus largely curtailed, there was still a necessity for a colleague, as there yet remained four different preaching places, viz.: Flemington, Jonesville, Midway and Dorchester, the latter place coming rapidly into competition



REV. JOHN FABIAN BAKER.



REV. FRANCIS H. BOWMAN.

with Midway on account of its nearness and health, thus furnishing a permanent abode for the citizens in that portion of the county. The church therefore gave a call to Rev. John F. Baker, a native of Liberty county, and son of Mr. John O. Baker, a former deacon of the church, and a graduate of Princeton. Mr. Baker accepted the call and entered upon his labors November, 1855, but remained but about six months, after which he tendered his resignation and removed to Virginia.

Rev. Francis H. Bowman, D.D.

The church thus being again left with but one pastor, entered into another election for a co-pastor with Mr. Buttolph. Rev., afterwards Dr. Francis H. Bowman, son of Rev. Francis Bowman, D.D., former pastor of Greensboro, Georgia, church, was chosen. He accepted the position and thus continued co-pastor with Mr. Buttolph for three years, from 1856 to 1859, when he resigned his charge, and after a short time at Greensboro, Alabama, accepted the pastorate of Augusta church, Mt. Sidney, Va., in 1861, where he labored till 1869, when he resigned his position to accept a call to the First Church, Memphis, Tenn., where he labored till his death from yellow fever, October 6, 1873.

Mr. Bowman was a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, where he was born July 9, 1833, connected himself at fourteen years of age with the church at Greensboro, Georgia, of which his father was pastor, graduated at Oglethorpe college in 1850, taught school one year at Mt. Zion academy, and after two years at the University of Virginia and one year at Princeton, was licensed in the fall of 1856, by the Presbytery of Hopewell and soon after ordained and became co-pastor at Midway.

The following incident in connection with his death will be interesting:

Being pastor of the First Church in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time of the yellow fever in that city, he bravely remained at his post with his people till himself was stricken with the disease. A most remarkable incident happened in connection with his funeral. It was the wish of many of his people that the services should be held in the church, but fortunately wiser counsels prevailed, it not being considered prudent to have a gathering of the people in the stricken district. So the body was borne directly to the cemetery, and whilst it was being lowered into the grave the whole plastered ceiling of the church fell in, crushing everything beneath. Had the people gone to the church, the result would have been most disastrous. Dr. Bowman was much beloved by his people in Memphis. The church edifice was burned about 1878, and in rebuilding the people put in a memorial window, upon which are inscribed these tender words: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.'

After the resignation of Mr. Bowman, the society at its next annual meeting in March, 1860, elected Rev., afterwards Dr. Donald Fraser, as co-pastor, but he declined the call, thus leaving Mr. Buttolph the third time sole pastor of the church, which position he continued to fill till the secession of the state and the war which soon followed, and even to its close. As the country was in such a perturbed state and so soon convulsed with the tread of contending armies and so many of her sons engaged in the deadly strife, nothing further was done towards securing a co-pastor, Mr. Buttolph supplying the whole field as best he could. Upon that portion of the country, however, being overrun by the Federal army, a complete estoppel was, for the time being, put upon the church services, and followed with a general demoralization till the close of the war, the unhappy consequences of which only

added greater impoverishment and distress to previous disaster. .

Complete Desolation

Of the complete desolation that followed upon this inroad upon the quiet and peaceable homes of this people, it is truly sad to write. With freedom from the presence of an invading foe, till nearly the close of the war, it was theirs to experience all the concentrated bitterness of it in a few weeks. Just preceding the fall of Savannah December, 1864, Kilpatrick's whole division of cavalry in its circular swing, made the old church, with its sacred precincts, their camping ground for six weeks, with the usual accompanying destruction, terror and alarm, private houses being rudely entered, provisions all taken, silverware stolen, horses and stock carried away, and general plunder; fine carriages converted into wagons, by cutting off the upper portions, to bear off slaughtered meat. So great was the consternation and alarm that it became quite common for ladies not to change their dress at night during the entire stay of the Federal army, not knowing at what hour their homes might be invaded. The corner stone, laid December 6, 1852, for a monument in commemoration of the early settlement of the colony, was unearthed and rifled of its contents. The Southern Florida & Western railroad, running through the country from Savannah to southwestern Georgia, having been cut, all the supplies for miles around the church having been taken, with every horse gone, and all the beeves, and pigs and chickens consumed by the Federal soldiers, the people with nothing left and no horses to go after anything, were reduced to the greatest straits. In some instances the destitution was so great that they were compelled to visit some of the abandoned camps of the Federals and gather up the

shattered corn left upon the ground where the horses had been fed. There were but two things that saved them from utter starvation: the one was the barns filled with corn in the district known as 'the Desert,' a small but rich section, surrounded with 'Blue Clay' swamp, which the Federal soldiers undertook to cross, but miring into it with their ponderous wagons, they thought it best not to undertake a second trip. The other was that the rice raised on several of the farms were still standing in the ricks, which the negroes assured their visiting friends would choke their horses if fed upon it, and as they had 'no way to hull it,' as they said, these were left untouched. These fortuitous circumstances left some things for some of the people at least to feed upon. But I forbear speaking further on this subject.

I cannot, however, let this opportunity pass without paying a deserved tribute to the fidelity of the colored people of Liberty county. Like their brethren throughout the entire south, many of them displayed the greatest devotion to their masters. Instead of forsaking them in the time of their virtual imprisonment, when they could leave their homes only at the risk of life and destruction of property, these people, like the ravens of old feeding Elijah, would go out in search of, and regularly bring them meals, whence they knew not, and without which kind service, it is hard to tell to what straits they would have been reduced. Let this and all similar acts of the colored people never be forgotten, but sink deep into the hearts of the Southern people.

Flemington Church

The disasters of the war soon brought about a second dismemberment of the old church. The same reasons impelled the Flemington people as those of Walthourville, only in a greater degree, to seek a church organization of their own. They were



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so reduced and poverty stricken that no other alternative was left them. It was either that or no church privileges, for even if the church services should be kept up at Midway, not one in ten could possibly attend. In view, therefore, of the situation, though reluctantly, a second application for dismemberment was made, resulting in the withdrawal of the Flemington people. In accordance with the request seventy persons living in and around Flemington were dismissed from Midway for the purpose of a separate organization. Following the example of Walthourville, they adopted the Presbyterian form of government and were, on application to the Presbytery of Georgia, duly elected into a Presbyterian church by that body at a called meeting held at Flemington April 6, 1866.

Members of the Presbytery present:

Ministers - R. Q. Way, D. H. Porter, James C. Cosby, D. L. Buttolph.

Ruling Elders - F. M. McRae, from Mt. Vernon church.

Visiting Brethren - Rev. C. B. King of Hopewell Presbytery, Rev. Edward Q. Andrews of the M. E. church, Elder J. B. Mallard from Walthourville, and licentiate N. P. Quarterman, who was at the same time ordained Evangelist.

The following are the members who entered into the organization:

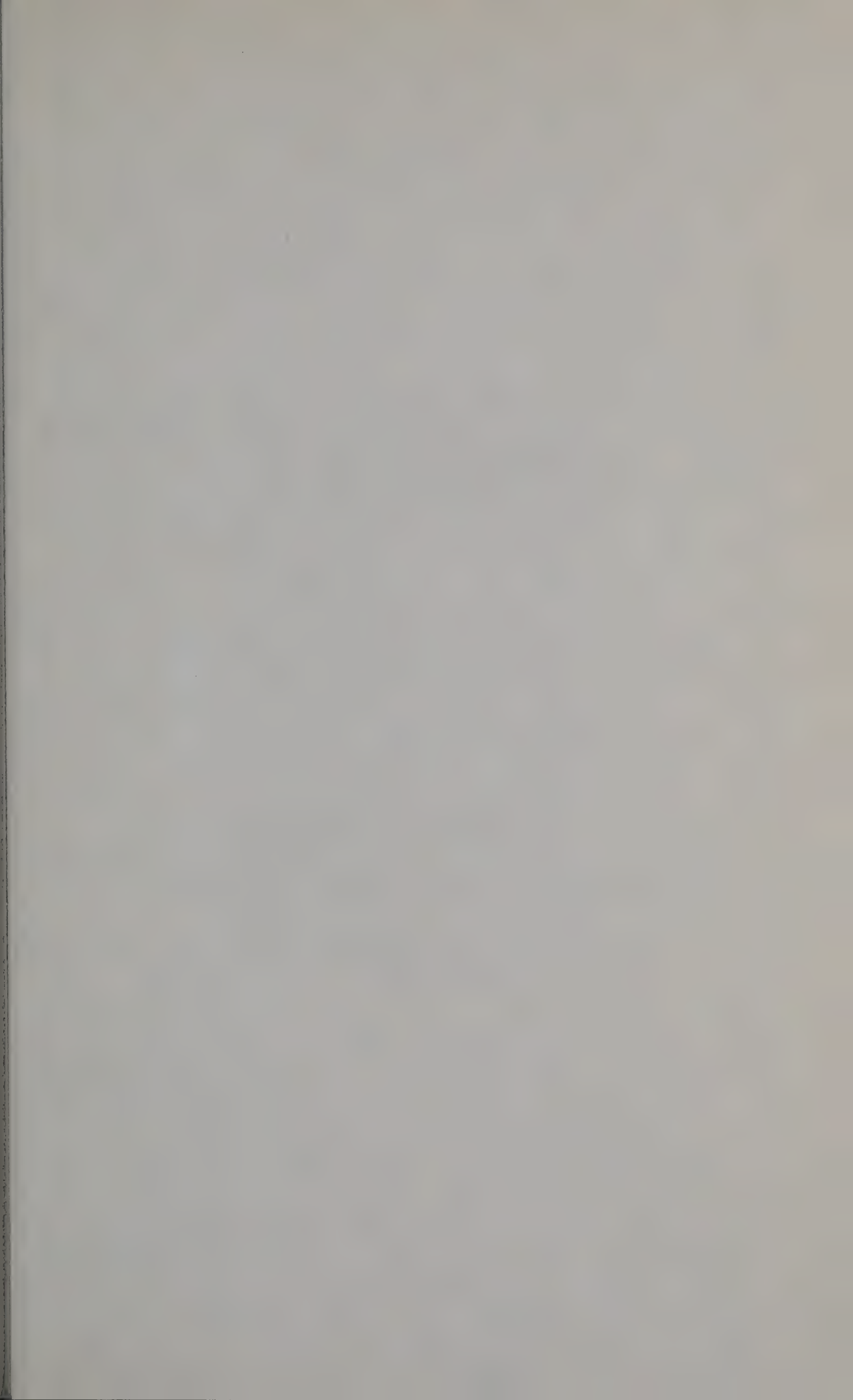
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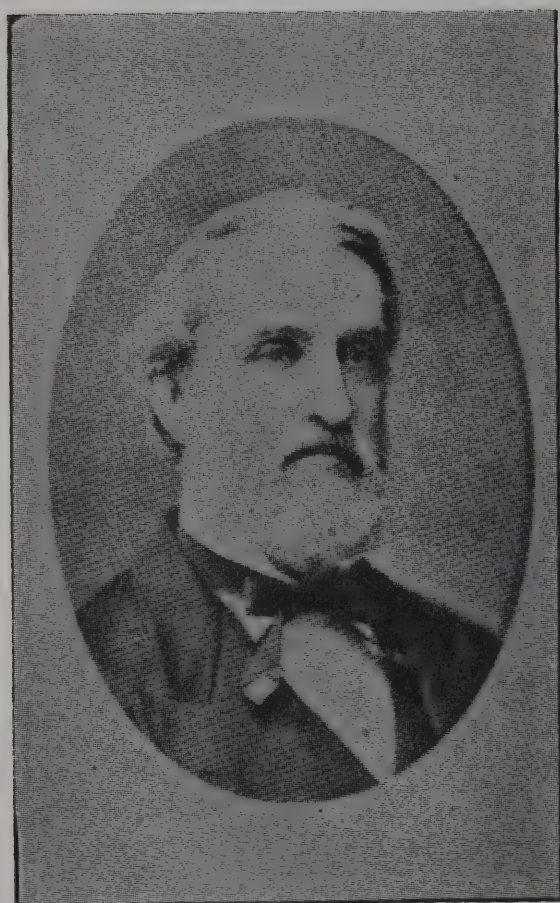
Ezra Stacy
Mrs. Maria Stacy
Sarah A. Stacy

W. W. Winn
Mrs. Claudia Winn
Eleanora Winn

MEMBERS - Continued

Thos. Q. Cassels	Mrs. Ann Ladson
Mrs. Mary A. Cassels	W. B. Trask
L. M. Cassels	Mrs. Jane Trask
Robert Q. Cassels	Leonora Trask
Walter O. Cassels	Catharine Trask
Irwin Rahn	W.E.W.Quarterman
Mrs. Sarah A. Rahn	Mrs. Lydia Quarterm'n
John S. Norman	Mrs. Harriet Theiss
Mrs. Susan W. Norman	Wm. Harrison
Mary S. Norman	Mrs. Sarah Harrison
Mrs. Ann Irene Way	Mrs. W. G. Martin
Elizabeth S. Way	Mrs. Mary Jane Way
Wm. John Way	Laura A. Martin
Mrs. Jane Way	S. E. Martin
Robert T. Quarterman	J. B. Martin
Mrs. Mary E. Quarterm'n	John E. Martin
Mrs. Sarah Fraser	Rosa Norman
Mrs. Isabella Bradwell	Mary A. Norman
Margaret M. Fraser	C. V. Winn
Mary J. Bradwell	Sarah Ann Way
Elizabeth A. Clark	Florence B. Way
Mrs. Marion Sheppard	Graves Way
Dr. Alexander Fraser	Mrs. Mary Way
John E. Mann	Mrs. Ann Smith
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mann	John Girardeau
Eugenia Mann	Mrs. Eliza Q. Way
Harriet Mann	John W. Stacy
Mrs. Josephine Palmer	James Laing
Simon A. Fraser	Thos. G. Stacy
Mrs. Mary W. Fraser	Joseph H. Norman
Flora E. Fraser	Mrs. Caroline A. Stacy
Mrs. Laura J. Norman	J. Calvin Norman





REV. DAVID L. BUTTOLPH, D.D.

The following were the officers chosen:

Ruling Elders

W. E. W. Quarterman, Thos. Q. Cassels, Ezra Stacy,
James Laing.

Deacons

S. A. Fraser, L. M. Cassels

Pastors

The church thus organized at Flemington was continued to be supplied by Rev. D. L. Buttolph, pastor of Midway church, being assisted in his work by Rev. R. Q. Andrews, Methodist minister employed as missionary to the negroes, by the executors of Lamberts' estate.

At the end of 1867, the country being so impoverished and the people so reduced as to be unable to support a pastor, Mr. Buttolph reluctantly severed his connection with the Midway and Flemington people and removed to Marietta, Georgia, to which place he had been called as pastor.

Rev. D. L. Buttolph, D.D.

Rev. David Lyman Buttolph was born at Norwich, N.Y., December 24, 1822. He was the son of David Buttolph, a lawyer. His mother was a Miss Lyman, a close relative of Dr. Lyman Beecher. He graduated at Williams College in 1845 and Columbia Seminary in 1852 in the class with the writer, was licensed the same year by Charleston Presbytery at Beech Island, and soon afterwards ordained to the full work of the ministry and for two years was assistant to Dr. Thomas Smyth, then pastor of the

Second Presbyterian church, Charleston, S. C. , whence he removed to Midway. On the tenth of June, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Maxwell, the great granddaughter of Col. James Maxwell, one of the early settlers of the county. In 1879 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the University of Georgia. When Gen. Hood retreated from before Gen. Kilpatrick and crossed the Altamaha river, Dr. Buttolph, who was with the army, hearing of the burning of the station house at McIntosh, and also that they had possession of Flemington, left the army, and after making a long circuitous detour, reached his home on Sunday night, which he approached with the greatest caution, having employed the services of a colored man as a guide, who went before him with the understanding that should he meet a picket, he would fall upon the ground and thus signal the fact to him. He was permitted to remain unmolested after being arrested and examined, and after being robbed of his gold watch by one of the Federal soldiers.

After a pleasant and successful pastorate at Midway of thirteen years, greatly beloved and respected by all, he removed as above indicated to Marietta, in the fall of 1867, and where he labored as pastor till April, 1888, when from failing health he felt constrained to tender his resignation, which was accepted. Upon returning health Dr. Buttolph accepted the charge of a group of churches around Marietta, still making that place his home, and which he has supplied with the greatest acceptance.

After the retirement of Dr. Buttolph December, 1867, the Flemington church was supplied for two years and more, from January, 1868, to April, 1870, by Rev. N. P. Quarterman and afterwards by Rev. J. W. Montgomery for twenty years, from November, 1870, to the spring of 1891, when he

removed to Texas, where he is still laboring as pastor of the church at Giddings.

In 1893, Mr. C.C. Carson, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Holston and a native of Tennessee, was ordained and installed pastor of the two associated churches of Flemington and Blackshear, which field he still fills.

The present membership of Flemington church (1898) is fifty-eight.

Dorchester Church

On account of the withdrawal of the Walthourville and Flemington people, and abandonment of so many of the winter homes and farms, and the general dispersion and impoverishment of the inhabitants, caused by the war, the few families, some fifteen or twenty in all, composing the village of Dorchester, were about all that was left of the white membership of the old church; the village of Jonesville the last of the summer retreats being hopelessly broken up, with the wreck of the farms, its location rendering it unfit for a place of permanent residence. In their isolated condition nothing was left the Dorchester people but to seek an organization of their own. In imitation of Walthourville and Flemington, having a house of their own built several years before, and after a year's supply by Rev. N. P. Quarterman, who was also minister to the other two places, they applied to Savannah Presbytery for an organization and accordingly were organized January 6, 1871, into a church of fourteen members, with one ruling elder, by a committee consisting of Rev. N. P. Quarterman, Rev. C. B. King and Elder Ezra Stacy; Elder E. J. Harden, the other member of the committee, being absent.

Names of Incorporating Members:

L. J. Mallard	Miss Annie Delegal
Mrs. Sarah S. Mallard	Miss Julia Winn
Miss Mary S. Mell	Mrs. Mary E. Busby
Mrs. Harriet N. Bacon	Mrs. Rebecca E. Bacon
Mrs. Louisa V. Winn	Mrs. Sarah L. Mallard
Mrs. Jeannette Martin	Miss Mary A. Mallard
Mrs. Lizzie O. Stevens	Mrs. Carrie McIver

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Ruling Elder

L. J. Mallard was chosen Ruling Elder.

Pastors

The church was supplied by Rev. J. W. Montgomery, who also preached at Flemington and Walthourville churches from 1871 to 1881, by Rev. R. Q. Baker from 1881 to 1882, then again by Rev. J. W. Montgomery from 1882 to 1893, and Rev. E. W. Way from spring 1893 to 1895, and Rev. L. T. Way, from January 1, 1896, to the present. Present membership (1898) forty-nine.

Final Dissolution

From the organization of the Dorchester church, 1871, may be reckoned the final dissolution of the Midway Congregational church, though virtually extinct even as early as the removal of Dr. Buttolph in the fall of 1867. The church was never formally dissolved, but simply exhausted itself by removals and repeated colonization. After the removal of Dr. Buttolph, the building was left in the hands of the colored members, who continued to use it and who were the next year, 1868, organized into a separate Presbyterian church, with 600 members, by Rev. Joe Williams, a minister of their own color,



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the last annual meeting of the society being December, 1865, and the last record in the Session Book being October, 1867.

Thus, after one hundred and thirteen years, this old church, venerable with years and abundant in fruit, yielding to the stern demand of an imperious necessity, laid aside her armor and drawing around her the drapery of her couch, laid herself down to rest.

CHAPTER VII

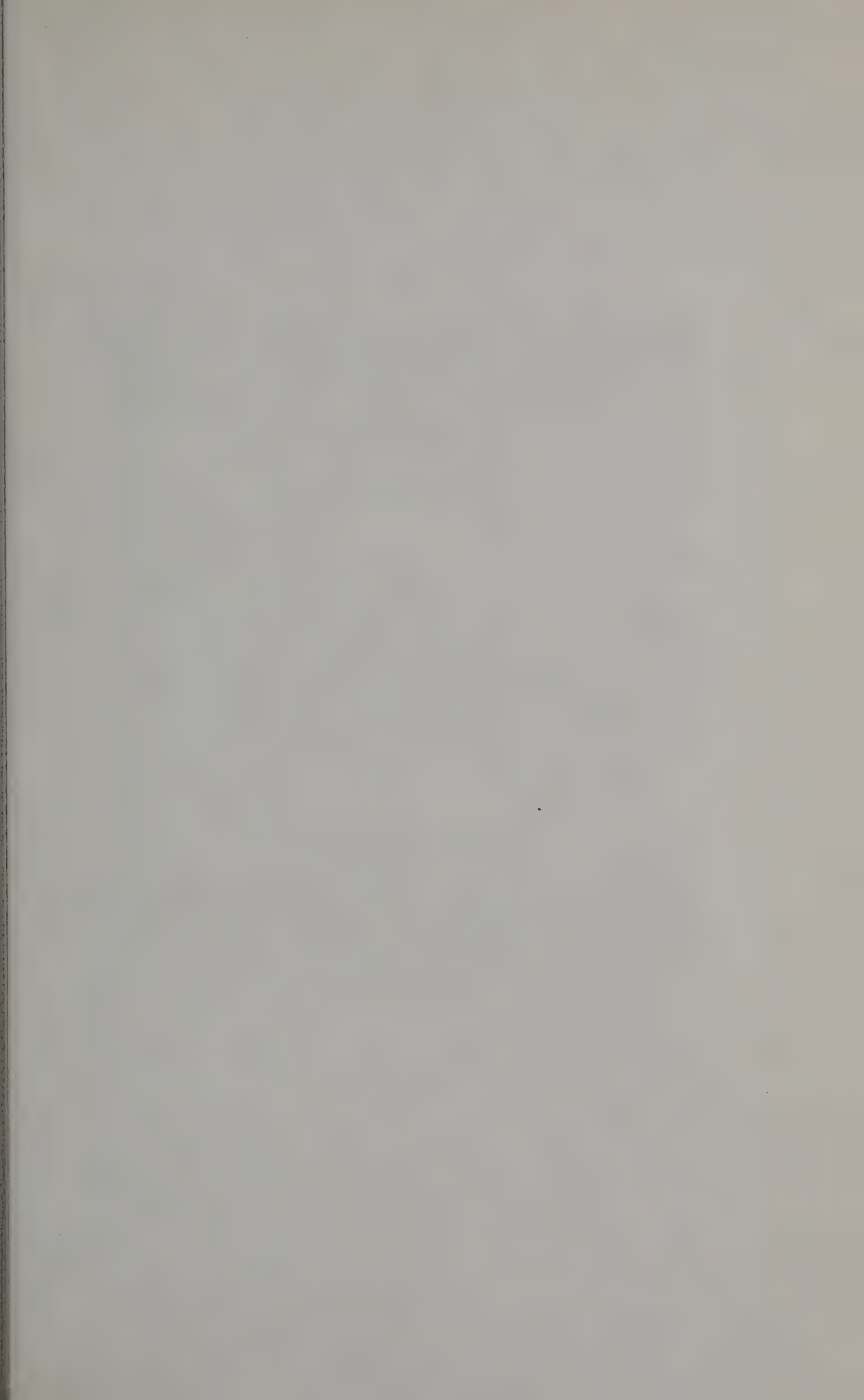
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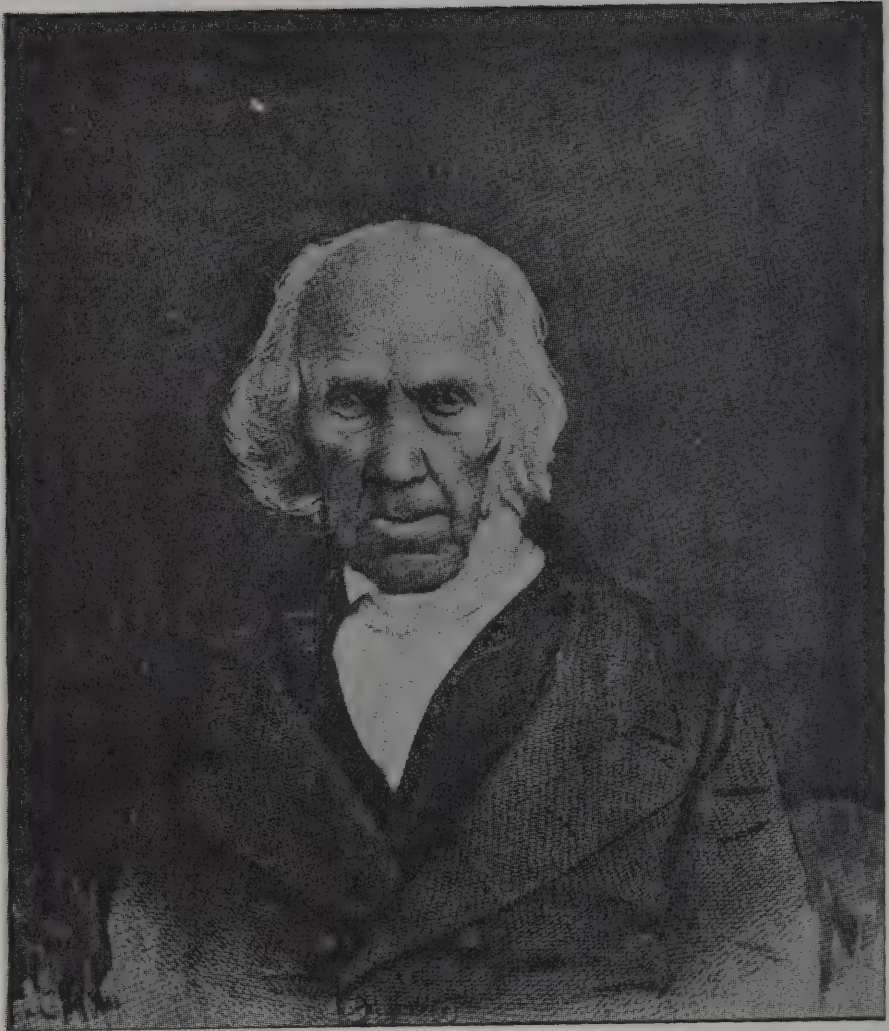
Having thus taken a general and rapid survey of this people, I desire more particularly to give some sketches of their inner and home life - some of their noble deeds, and some of their great men. This was truly a wonderful people if you consider their fewness in number in connection with the work they have done, and the influence they have exerted over the country and the world. The colony was not a large one by any means at first, and for a long time not more than three hundred and fifty whites all told, with an average church membership of not exceeding one hundred and fifty during the greater period of its existence, and yet in the end we will see what have been their achievements. The governors, signers of the Declaration of Independence, the number of counties named, the number of ministers and ministers' wives, missionaries, presidents and professors of institutions of learning, scientists, teachers, and men and women of influence, furnished by this little colony, are truly marvelous.

Before enumerating some of these, I wish to emphasize a few of the leading characteristics of this people.

Though engaged chiefly in agricultural pursuits, they were unusually intelligent and refined. Bartram tells of his going in company with 'several of its polite inhabitants' from Sunbury, to attend a meeting at Medway. Of the home of Hon. Benjamin Andrews, one of them, he speaks as the 'seat of virtue where hospitality, piety and philosophy formed the happy family.'¹

1. Travels, P. 4.





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So Rev. Archibald Simpson, when on a visit to the church, speaks of the congregation as 'large and genteel.'¹ These people have always been the friends and patrons of education as the long list of ministers, professors, teachers, scientists and prominent citizens going out from them abundantly attest. Their interest in this cause manifested itself even in Carolina in the formation of the Dorchester and Beech Hill Alphabet Society, not later perhaps than 1740, and which was perpetuated in what was known as the Midway and Newport Library Society, and thus continuing for over one hundred years. This Society at one time had a library of about five hundred volumes.²

Their interest in education further appears from the fact that at an early day, as early as 1788, a school of high classical character was established at Sunbury, and attained great celebrity under the management of Dr. Wm. McWhir.³ The beneficial results of this institution to the state were incalculable, as students came from different parts of the country, especially up and down the coast; the same also appears from the number of prominent ministers and men going out from its walls.

In 1798, in addition to the Board of Commissioners which had been appointed some time before, consisting of James Dunwoody, Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, Peter Winn, Daniel Stewart, and Thos. Stevens, a committee was appointed consisting of James Powell, Benjamin Law, Henry Wood, John Stacy, John Warren, Simon Fraser, James Cochran, Thos. Bradwell, and Rev. Mr. Cloud, a Methodist

1. Howe's His. P. 318.
2. Mallard's Account.
3. Rees. Cy. Art. Sunbury.

minister, 'to determine on some proper mode to establish an academy for the county.' At a subsequent meeting John Elliott and John Jones were added to this committee, in the room of James Powell and Rev. Mr. Cloud. A school was soon afterwards established at Newport, mention being made of an appropriation of 'glass to glaze the windows,' but whether this was the one contemplated in the above action I am not able to say.

In addition to these, other schools were soon established first at Midway and afterwards at Walthourville, Flemington and Jonesville, and later on at Dorchester, to say nothing about those started in other parts of the county, under the influence and stimulus of these, as at Riceboro, Hinesville, Connouchee Bluff, and Taylor's Creek. Major John Winn taught for a while at Midway, and Mr. Edward Pynchon for a long time had a flourishing academy, male and female, at Walthourville, so Mr. John B. Mallard later on at the same place; Mr. Samuel Varnedoe, at Jonesville; Mr. Samuel Mallard and others, at Flemington, and Col. James S. Bradwell, at Hinesville. Hon. A. H. Stephens also at one time taught for awhile in the family of Mr. Louis LeConte's, near Jonesville. These schools were all first-class in every particular, the teachers being graduates. As the result, the children were all well taught and had every facility for acquiring a first-class education without ever leaving home.

They were also a patriotic people. In attestation of this I need only point to the illustrious name which the county bears, and which was conferred by the unanimous voice of the state. When the parishes were changed into counties by the constitutional convention which met in Savannah in 1777, all the other counties were named in honor of distinguished Englishmen, friends of America.

Thus, Chatham was named in honor of the elder Pitt, the Earl of Chatham and friend of American liberty. Richmond, after the Duke of Richmond, another friend, who so nobly advocated the cause of American freedom in the House of Lords. Effingham, after Lord Effingham, who refused to employ his sword against America. Burke, after the great Commoner and Statesman. Camden, after the distinguished Lord Chancellor of England and firm friend of the colonies. Glynn, after the eminent counsellor of that name. Wilkes, embracing all the ceded lands north of the Ogeechee, after John Wilkes, the avowed friend of American Independence. But this one was named in honor of her own self and in commemoration of her own heroic deeds. It was on account of the great zeal of this people in the cause of Independence, that the name of the parish of St. John, in connection with those of St. Andrews and St. James, was changed by the legislature to the county of Liberty; and if any people ever deserved to have patriotic devotion to their country's cause embalmed in their county's name, it was this. They were the first to assert their independence and the last to surrender to British supremacy, Sunbury being the last military post upon whose ramparts floated the colonial flag when the province was overrun in 1778. While the rest of the parishes were parleying and dallying, she resolved to act, 'the irresolution of fear,' as Dr. Stevens expressed it, 'having no place in her decided councils.' Withdrawing from the provincial congress on account of their halting and dalliance, she sought connection with the Charleston association through a petition sent by a committee appointed at Midway February 9, 1775, and consisting of Daniel Roberts, Samuel Stevens, and Joseph Wood. Being refused admission into the Carolina association, she resolved to act for herself, and in advance of the rest of the province, sent her own representative, Dr. Lyman Hall,

to the continental congress at Philadelphia in 1775, and who, it is said, went all the way on horseback.¹ No wonder Governor Wright, in his letter to Secretary Germain, speaks of the inhabitants of St. John's Parish as a 'nest of Oliverians, most of whom would go back again as soon as their crops would be reaped in Carolina.'² Dr. Stevens did not overdraw the picture, when he said in his eloquent address before the Georgia Historical Society:

"Alone she stood, a Pharos of Liberty in England's most loyal Province, renouncing every fellowship that savored not of freedom, and refusing every luxury which contributed to ministerial coffers. With a halter around her neck and the gallows before her eyes, she severed herself from surrounding associations and cast her lot, while as yet all was gloom and darkness, with the fortunes of her country, to live with her rights, or die in their defense. Proud spot of Georgia soil. Well does it deserve the appellation which a grateful state conferred upon it, and truly may we say of its sons in the remembrance of their patriotic sacrifices: 'Nothing was wanting to their glory; they were wanting to ours.' "³

1. Dr. Hall was elected by this Parish March 21, 1775, and received May 13th of the same year, as 'a delegate from the Parish of St. John's of the Province of Georgia,' and allowed to deliberate, but not to vote when the vote was taken by the Provinces, as he represented only a Parish. He was regularly chosen July 7th as the representative of the whole Province, and in company with Button Gwinnett, another representative, and from the same Parish, signed the Declaration of Independence.

2. Ga. His. Coll. Vol. III, P. 310. Oliverians named after Oliver Cromwell.

3. Ga. His. Coll. Vol. II, P. 24.

She had her full share of representatives on the committee drafting the resolutions for adoption at the famous meeting at Tondees' Tavern in Savannah August 10, 1774, and which has been styled the 'birth-place of freedom in Georgia.' She gave of her sons, furnishing her full quota of officers and men, sending at an early day two volunteer companies, the 'St. John's Rangers' and the 'St. John's Riflemen.' She was the first to offer upon the altar of her country in the cause of freedom, a commissioned officer of any prominence (Gen. Screven). The Midway people were the only community that sent a letter of congratulation to General Washington on his visit to Georgia in 1791. She still exhibits the same military spirit in the maintenance of two cavalry companies, one of which, 'The Independent Troop,' has been perpetuated since just after the war of the Revolution, being the oldest cavalry and the second oldest military company in the state, the Chatham artillery outranking them by a few years, they being organized in 1786, while the Troop were not organized till 1791 or 1792.¹ The other company, the 'Liberty Guards,' was organized in the upper portion of the county in 1845, commanded by Captain Enoch Daniel, and kept up ever since. These companies have never failed to offer their services, when demanded by their country, or ever failed to win laurels on every knighted field. In the state tournaments the Liberty Troop have usually borne off if not all, at least their full share of the offered prizes. The interest and enthusiasm on the part of the members are kept up, in a large measure, by the interest manifested by the people. These companies have always occupied prominent positions on Fourth of July celebrations and other public occasions. Their drills and parades

1. See Dr. Jones' Address P. 18.

have always awakened enthusiasm among the citizens, which no doubt have largely contributed to their perpetuation. I know of no other county, purely agricultural, in this or any other state that maintains two military companies of volunteers.

They also possessed and exhibited in a very pleasing degree all the noble elements of social life. They were neighborly and friendly. In a great degree shut out from the rest of the world, they married and intermarried to such an extent that almost everybody became related to everybody else, and became as one large family, with associations of the greatest neighborly freedom and confidence. They were hospitable and kind. There were few houses, if any, where the worthy traveler could not spend the night without the payment of a single cent. Unable to live upon the farms on account of health, and therefore with a good deal of gentlemanly leisure, and in some instances of means, though of no great wealth, they indulged a good deal in hunting and outside sports in the day time and devoting much of the evening to family reunions and to rehearsing the events of the day, or repeating incidents of former times. The writer remembers well with what interest he would listen to the marvelous stories and legends, of military prowess and exploits, told by the older people, concerning 'Bob' Sallett and other remarkable characters of the revolution; and for the same reason, any 'good joke' upon any one would surely be carefully treasured up as 'stock in trade,' and in due time was certain to receive proper ventilation. They were a temperate people. Though living in a malarial country, and where they might easily offer the modern plea of health for the use of alcoholic liquors, in accordance too with the common idea of the early settlers of the province, 'that everybody knew the water,' according to Tailfer, 'needed qualifying,'

yet they were remarkably abstemious. Liberty county has ever been ranked with the prohibition counties, and has always, and ahead of all others, had local legislation on the subject. The writer remembers being at a gathering of young people one Christmas, when a proposition for an eggnog was made; upon the suggestion of one of the young ladies, cologne was substituted for whiskey, there being no spirits to be had in the whole country. So I find very few cases of church discipline in the records for this sin. In later years liquor was allowed to be sold by the quart, but the moral sentiment was always such that a man who would engage in the traffic even under this restriction, always felt that the avocation placed him considerably below par in the estimation of the people.

They were a public spirited people, looking after the general interest, as appears from the statement of Rev. Mr. Simpson in his visit in 1761, concerning the fine church edifice, and the good public roads, which seven years before were impenetrable swamps.

They were a liberal people. The employment of two ministers, with a salary of \$1,000 each, too clearly shows that the contributions to all the benevolent causes were in like proportion. As an instance of this we need only mention the one item of \$1,292 given to the Columbia Seminary at different times; the special legacy of Maj. Maybank of \$5,396.20,¹ besides the annual contributions to the Bible cause, Foreign Missions, and different societies.

They were also a musical people. Paid choristers were appointed, and formed part of every

1. Howe's His. Vol. II P. 452.

year's election. Seats in the church were specially set apart for the singers, and different parts carried; fugue pieces, such as Sherburne and Easter Anthem, being in the earlier periods special favorites. The interest in church song has been kept up even to the present, a large proportion of the young people being able to sing by note; the interest being kept up by weekly meetings at some central house in each neighborhood during some night in the week for practice.

But it was especially in their religious life and conduct that their character shone most conspicuously. They were emphatically a godly people, as appears from the frequent fast days and seasons of special prayer and thanksgiving, with which their earlier records abound. Scarcely had the first settlers landed before they commenced the erection of a house of worship, and their zeal and devotion only increased with the flight of years.

It was customary and also expected that everybody in the community, outsiders as well as church members, should attend those services, public sentiment demanding such attendance. To stay away was to sink in the scale of respectability. The writer remembers but one man in his day who left off going to the house of the Lord, and with what holy horror he was looked upon, very much in the light of a heathen and publican. It was their custom to have two services every Sabbath, though in the country, a thing quite unusual in the early settlement of a new country, and irrespective of the weather, though they had no means of warming the house. In the absence of the minister these services were conducted by one or more of the deacons. The practice which commenced at an early day and afterwards obtained in all the retreats and kept up in some of them to this day, of having services con-

ducted by the deacons in the absence of the minister, is worthy of note. After the settlement of the retreats, there being five places of worship and only two ministers, and Midway claiming the service of one every Sabbath through the winter months, there could hardly be an average of two Sabbaths in the month for preaching. I give it as my own experience that I have in my rearing heard fully as many sermons read by laymen as preached by ministers. Where do you find the parallel to this in the annals of any other church? On account of the distance of so many of the families from the church, cold lunches were served for dinner, the different families resorting to the various little houses built around the church for their comfortable resting during the intermission, each family having its own, or as sometimes the case, two or more, when related.¹

The following was the program for services:

The bell would ring at eleven o'clock, the congregation would assemble, the minister would preach, or if it was 'reading day,' the deacon would read a sermon; then an intermission of one hour for refreshment, after which the congregation would again assemble at the ringing of the bell to hear another sermon from the minister or deacon. The congregation would be finally dismissed about four o'clock and quietly return to their homes, reaching them late in the afternoon, when after catechetical exercises (in many of the homes) the family would retire.

1. These houses were erected at a very early date. To a stranger the church, surrounded with some thirty and more of these little houses, framed and covered with boards, presented quite a singular and unique appearance.

The same customs also at the retreats. There were arbors erected at Walthourville and Flemington. At Jonesville and Dorchester, the houses being more compactly built, there was no necessity for these booths or arbors. In later years the practice of remaining at the church during recess was abandoned at all these places, it being more convenient for the families to return to their homes for dinner, but all returning to afternoon service.

But in nothing did their piety more conspicuously display itself than in their careful and conscientious training of their children. They were great believers in the Abrahamic covenant, and the duty to consecrate their children unto the Lord in baptism; even outsiders, in some instances, asking the privilege. Their record shows that the practice at first was well nigh universal. They felt that they themselves and all they had belonged to the Lord, and therefore at a very early age they presented their children unto the Lord, in the ordinance of baptism, and at the same time recognizing the responsibility assumed in such a service, they manifested their great concern for their spiritual welfare, in the efforts they made to bring them to the Savior. They did not, as in these latter days, go to church themselves, and leave them at home or allow them to roam about on the Lord's day, but always carried their children with them to the house of the Lord. Mention is made in the records even of 'children in the lap.'

And they not only carried their children with them, but required them to sit with them in the same pew, that they might be under their immediate care and supervision. Nothing contributed more to the good and orderly behavior at church than the practice adopted at the beginning, of raising the pastors' salary by renting the seats. Each family

had its own pew, the father occupying one end and the mother the other, with the children between; and nothing was more beautiful. They emphatically worshipped by families, carrying out the order of the march of Israel through the wilderness, 'every man under the ensign of his father's house.'¹ As Moses refused the request of Pharoah to leave their children in Egypt, so this people were unwilling to leave their little ones behind them, but insisted on taking them along with them; as all the families of Israel, including their children, were baptized into Moses as their leader, by the deliverance at the sea; as they all stood together, parents and children, and were sprinkled by Moses with the hyssop branch at Mount Sinai; as they all stood together again on the borders of the land, at the renewal of the covenant, express mention being made of 'the little ones,' and as they all entered, parents and children, into the portion of the land on the east side of Jordan, typical of the part of Christ's kingdom in Heaven, so these people felt and believed that their children should go along with them, and as children of the covenant, should be baptized into Christ as their leader. It was not until later years, when departing from the simplicity of the faith of their fathers, and after the introduction of a foreign element, that we find the duty to be neglected by some, and the necessity of the Session calling attention to the neglect and insisting upon their return to their former practice.

As the result of all this faithful training, and confirmed and supported too by parental example, the children grew up as they were taught, having due respect for everything sacred. In no community was there greater veneration for the minister, the

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sanctuary, the ordinances of God's house, and that veneration was seen in all directions; respect was shown the aged; the children were trained up with gravity and in subordination to law and order. As the result, little or no profanity was ever heard, little or no drunkenness or rowdyism was ever seen, but obedience on every side to law. Hence the short sittings of the circuit court, seldom occupying the whole of the two days allowed by the calendar. I do not now recall a single act of violence or murder trial in my raising. I doubt if the records of the courts, confined strictly to the Midway people and their descendants, will show a single homicide or murder during the entire history of the church. Only train the children right, make them obedient to their parents and respectful to their superiors, and the courts of the country will have little or nothing to do.

I know of no more fitting close to this description than the following extract from the Centennial address of Hon. W. E. Law, himself a native of Liberty county:

"The social virtues have been eminently cherished in this county. If we may not indulge in Utopian dreams of visionary sages; if we may not boast of the delicious climate and beautiful scenery of other places, or even of the picturesque and grandeur of our own mountain Georgia, yet we may say without vanity or ostentation that none, at least in this southern latitude, excel us in all the great moral elements of a really substantial and happy community. If these consist in obedience to, and reverence for, the laws in exemplary good order, in excellent internal government and police, in mutual confidence between citizens, in warm social affections, in the kindest intercourse, in a hospitality simple and easy, but without ostentation or grandism, in brotherly love one for another, in a

surface everywhere dotted with houses of worship and schools for the instruction of the youth, in a population observant from education, habit and example, in temperance, sobriety and truth, and the duties of religion, then Liberty county may claim to have been through past time, as she is now, a model and example to her sister counties of Georgia. And it may not be too much to say that her influence has indeed and in truth been felt, and as the historian has declared, your sires were the moral and intellectual nobility of the province of Georgia, the sons of that colony have shown themselves in the state worthy of their sires.'^a

a. Ms. before me.

CHAPTER VIII

Her Great Men, Civil And Military

Some of Her Deeds and Great Men

After this rapid and succinct statement of some of the characteristics of this old church, I proceed to call attention to some of her people as well as note some of their deeds. Be it far from me to advocate anything like Chinese ancestral worship. We venerate, not worship. We admire, not adore. The Midway people had their failings and shortcomings, like other men, but withal a most grand and glorious record, such as has never been the lot of any other people. Her great men are numbered by scores. Her influence felt in thousands of places. Her history absolutely stands without a parallel, as will appear from the following simple recital of facts:

Governors and Signers of
Declaration of Independence

Four of the early governors of the state and two of the signers of the declaration of independence, were from the parish of St. Johns. The governors were Button Gwinnett, Richard Howley, Nathan Brownson and Lyman Hall. The two signers were Button Gwinnett and Lyman Hall.

1. Button Gwinnett was a native of England. Residing on St. Catherine island, which he had purchased from Thos. and Mary Bosomworth, he became identified with the people, making Sunbury his place of business and associations. Dr. Lyman Hall was his warm friend and physician, being also one of the executors of his will. He seems also to have been at one time the justice of peace of St.

John's parish.¹ He was a member of the continental congress and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a member of the convention that met in Savannah October, 1776, and framed the constitution of the state, he having much to do with the framing of the same. He was elected governor March, 1777, in the place of President Archibald Bullock, deceased, and fell mortally wounded in a duel which he fought May 15th, with Gen. Lochlan McIntosh, whom he had challenged, and died on the 18th, in the forty-fifth year of his age.

2. Richard Howley was born near Savannah, but afterwards became a citizen of Sunbury. First representing Liberty county in the state assembly, he afterwards was made governor in 1780, and a member of congress in 1781, when he and his associates published their noted remonstrance at the threatened surrender of Georgia to the British. He died in Savannah December, 1784.

3. Nathan Brownson, a practicing physician, introduced to the county by Dr. Dunwoody, surgeon in Georgia Brigade, a member of the provincial congress in 1775, and of continental congress in 1776-8, elected governor in 1781, and a member of the convention framing the constitution in 1789. We have no evidence that he ever was a communing member of Midway church, but the records show that he was thoroughly identified with her people, for in its registry we find mention of the death of his wife, Elizabeth, April 4, 1775, of his son, Nathan, September 2, 1777, and of his own October 18, 1796.²

The following notice of him is taken from the Columbian Museum and Savannah Advertiser of

1. White's His. Col. P. 39.

2. Encyclopedias say November 6th.

Friday, Nov. 11, 1796:

“Died at his plantation in Liberty county Nathan Brownson, Esqr., whose various talents as a statesman, philosopher and physician have placed him in the list of distinguished characters. His expiring moments were marked with that peculiar firmness of mind, which attended him through life, and his last words delivered in whispers, were more sublimely eloquent than all the studied declamation of the pulpit: ‘The scene,’ said he, ‘is now changing. The business of life is nearly over. I have, like the rest of my fellow creatures, been guilty of foibles, but I trust to the mercy of my God to pardon me, and to his justice to reward my good deeds.’ By his family, by his friends, by men of sense and genius, who knew him, his death will be long lamented.”

4. Dr. Lyman Hall was a member of the Continental Congress in 1776, going all the way to Philadelphia on horseback,¹ first as the representative of St. John's parish before the secession of the rest of the colony, and afterwards of the whole province, and also one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was also elected governor in 1783. The church records show that Dr. Hall was a member at Midway in 1776. His plantation was near the old church, ‘Hall's Knoll’ being one of the earlier recollections of the writer when a boy, not being more than two miles from his father's home.

Dr. Hall, after the expiration of his term of office as governor, removed to Savannah, and in 1790 to a place in Burke county on the Savannah river, where he died October 19, 1790, and was buried, and where his remains reposed till July 4, 1848,

when, together with those of George Walton, they were removed and deposited beneath a monument in Greene Street, Augusta, in front of the court house, the state of Georgia paying the cost of removal.¹ It was the intention that the remains of Button Gwinnett, the other signer of the Declaration of Independence, should also be deposited there, but though generally believed to be buried in Savannah, the spot not being marked with a stone, they could not be found.

Counties Named

To this church and people also belongs the honor of giving names to six of the counties of the state, viz.:

1. Liberty, formed of the parishes of St. Johns, St. Andrew and St. James, in 1777, by the legislature, and so named in honor of the early and conspicuous devotion of the people of St. Johns to the cause of freedom, in so emphatically asserting their independence.

2. Screven, formed December 14, 1793, and named after Gen. James Screven, a citizen of Sunbury, who fell mortally wounded in an engagement one and a half miles south of Midway church, on Sunday morning, November 22, 1778, and died three days afterwards, and was buried in Midway graveyard.

3. Hall, established December 15, 1818, and named after Dr. Lyman Hall, resident of Liberty county, member of Midway church, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and afterwards governor of the state.

1. See Acts of Assembly.

4. Gwinnett, established December 15, 1818, and called after Hon. Button Gwinnett, whose home was on St. Catherine island, but whose business and associations were in Sunbury; one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and also governor of Georgia and commander-in-chief of her forces. Would that the fact could be blotted out that he fell mortally wounded in a duel with Gen. Lachlan McIntosh, and thus relieve his otherwise fair name of such a stigma.

5. Baker, constituted December 12, 1825, and named after Col. John Baker, of Revolutionary memory, and one of the early pioneer settlers of the St. John's parish.

6. Stewart, constituted December 30, 1830, and called after Gen. Daniel Stewart, a native of Liberty county, a member of Midway church, and another soldier of military fame.

To what other community has the honor been given to give names to so many of the counties of a state?

Military

Of military men I mention the following:

1. Col. John Baker. I regret exceedingly not to be able to speak with any certainty concerning the parentage or relationship of Col. Baker. The common opinion seems to be that he was a son of Benjamin Baker, but I think this is clearly a mistake. Benjamin Baker had a son John, but he was 'John Baker B.,' who died December 6, 1785, whereas Col. Baker died, according to the Georgia Gazette, June 3, 1792. In the list under the 'disqualifying act' Col. John Baker is spoken of as 'Senior.' John

Baker B. had no son at that time that would secure to him the title of 'Senior.' Moreover, Mr. Benjamin Baker, in the records, speaks of his 'son John' in contradistinction to 'Col. John Baker,' and also another 'John Baker,' who were also in the neighborhood at the time.¹

There are three distinct branches of the Baker family in Liberty County, the descendants of whom, so far as I know, do not claim kin.

1. William Baker, the deacon and grandfather of Dr. Daniel Baker, the evangelist.

2. Benjamin Baker, the first settler, and for so many years clerk of the church, and whose descendants are Rev. B. L. and R. Q. Baker.

3. And then another branch to which Richard Baker, the early settler, stands related, and as its representative and among whom we so frequently meet with the names of John and Richard. I am satisfied that Col. Baker was a member of this branch of the family, and that the brothers, John and Richard, deceased, sons of Stephen Baker, and the brothers, John and Richard, Presbyterian ministers, sons of William Jeans Baker and cousins of the former, were related to him, but what the precise relationship is I am unable to say. The probability is that he was a brother or near relative of the 'Richard Baker' mentioned above.

But no matter whose son, he was a brave and gallant officer, first as the captain of the St. John's Riflemen, a volunteer company, and afterwards made colonel by the legislature. He led the expedition against Florida, planned by Button Gwinnett, was

1. Pub. Rec. P. 64.

wounded in an engagement at Bulltown Swamp, and participated in the capture of Augusta in 1781, and died as stated above, the county of Baker being named after him in commemoration of his gallant services.

2. General James Screven. The grandson of Rev. William Screven, a Baptist minister, who came to this country from England to escape persecution, and who founded the first Baptist church in Charleston, S.C., and afterwards moved to, and is said to have owned, the land upon which the town of Georgetown is built. His father was James Screven and his mother Mary Hyrne, the daughter of the second Landgrave Smith, of Charleston. Gen. Screven was born about 1744, and married Mary (Esther)¹ Odingsell. He was not a member of the Midway church, but his wife was, being received August 18, 1771, and her sister, Elizabeth, being the wife of Rev. Moses Allen, at one time the pastor of the church. He was one of the patriotic leaders in the struggle for independence, being a member of the Provincial Congress that met at Savannah July 4, 1775, as a member from St. John's parish. He was first captain of the St. John Rangers and afterwards made Brigadier General by the legislature. He fell mortally wounded in a skirmish with the British under Col. Provost, on Spencer Hill, one and a half mile south of Midway church, November 22, 1778.

From the Midway Records and other sources we gather the following facts:

That Col. White and himself had gathered an army to meet Col. Provost approaching from the

1. The Records sometimes speaks of her as Mary and then at other times as Esther. Our only explanation is that her name was Mary Esther.

South; that after an unsuccessful attempt at resistance at Newport Bridge on Saturday morning, they fell back to Midway church. On the next morning, Sunday, Gen. Screven and some of his party crossed the swamp to reconnoitre, but falling into an ambuscade he fell mortally wounded, receiving three wounds, one of which was inflicted after he had fallen. He was sent by flag of truce that evening by Captain Mittuc and eight men, placed in the Vestry House, treated by Dr. Dunwoody, removed afterwards to the house of John Elliott, Senior, where he breathed his last Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1778. Captain Strother and Mr. Judah Lewis were killed in the same skirmish in which the general fell.¹

Col. Browne, in his letter to Dr. Ramsay, says of him: 'He had the character of a brave and worthy man. I sincerely felt for his misfortune and ordered him to be conveyed to our camp where every attention was paid to him by Col. Provost and every assistance given to him by our surgeons.'² So Holmes, in his Annals, says: 'Gen. Screven was a very valuable officer and estimable man, and his memory is still cherished at Midway, where he lived, and in the immediate defense of which settlement he fell.'³

Concerning the monument ordered by congress to be erected to his memory, I give the following extracts from the Congressional Journal to set forth the facts in the case:

1. See Pub. Rec. P. 62, White's His. Coll. P. 615, and White's Statistics P. 521.
2. White's His. Coll. P. 616.
3. Vol. II P. 406.

Journals of Congress U.S.

Thursday, September 20, 1781

On motion of Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Telfair,

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Georgia be desired to erect a monument at Sunbury, in the said state, at the expense of the U.S., not exceeding \$500.00, to the memory of the late Brigadier General Screven, who fell, covered with wounds, fighting for the liberties of the United States.

Journal of the House, Vol. 4

Senate Chamber, 1801

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis, their secretary-

Mr. Speaker:- The Senate has passed the bill, entitled an 'Act, to carry into effect several resolutions of Congress, for erecting monuments to the memories of the late General Wooster, Harkeman, Davidson, and Screven,' to which they desire the concurrence of this house.

Monday, January 10, 1803

Same Vol. on March 3, 1803.

Ordered, that the committee of the whole house to whom were committed on the 24th of January last, the bill sent from the senate, entitled an 'Act to carry into effect several resolutions of Congress, for erecting monuments to the memories of Generals Wooster, Harkeman, Davidson, and Screven,' and sundry amendments to the said bill, reported

by a select committee, be discharged therefrom, and that the further consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until the first Monday in November next.

To show the final action and fate of the bill, I need only give the following letter from Senator Bacon touching the matter:

United States Senate, March 10, 1898

Rev. James Stacy,
Newnan, Georgia.

My Dear Sir:- Replying further to yours of the 17th ult. I herewith enclose you all that can be found in the proceedings of Congress relative to the erection of a monument to the memory of Gen. Screven at Sunbury.

It seems that the resolution passed the Senate, was reported to the House and the House deferred action on the same until Nov., 1803, but after a diligent search it could not be found that the House ever considered the resolution after that.

Yours very truly, A.O. BACON .

3. Major John Jones, the grandfather of the ministers, Drs. Charles C. and John Jones, was a native of Charleston, S.C., but had removed to St. John's parish and made Sunbury his home. He entered the war of the Revolution, became aid to Gen. McIntosh, and fell, struck by a cannon ball, in the unsuccessful attack upon Savannah on the morning of the 9th of October, 1779, the same day in which the noble Pulaski fell, a martyr to the cause of freedom. Jones street in Savannah was so named in honor of his memory, as appears from the follow-

ing extract taken from the 'Savannah Georgian,' William H. Bulloch editor of date Friday, March 15, 1839.¹

"A Tribute To The Memory of The Brave And Good"

"The new street to be called Jones Street, it may be worthy of remark, is a compliment to the brave father of Captain Joseph Jones, of Liberty county, who fell within one hundred yards of the spot patriotically dedicated to his name, while fighting for the liberties of his country. Thus has posterity been grateful to one of the deliverers of this hemisphere from foreign thralldom."

From the same paper, same date and same column, we have an account of the City Council and its proceedings, of date of March 14, 1839, the day before the date of the paper, in which it was stated that council passed an ordinance laying off the three new streets, viz.: Macon, Charlton and Jones, and two new squares, viz.: Pulaski and Madison.

I have felt it due to say this much, as it has been asserted and believed by many that said street was so named in honor of Hon. Noble Wymberley Jones.

4. General Daniel Stewart, the son of John and Susannah Stewart, was born December 20, 1761, in Liberty county, entered the Revolutionary army when only fifteen years of age, was frequently in battle under Sumter and Marion, taken a prisoner at Pocataligo and put on board a prison ship at Charleston, from which he made his escape with

1. Copy in Ga. His. Soc. Savannah.

eight others, on a stormy night,¹ especially distinguished himself in the Indian wars after the revolution, at which time he was made a Brigadier General, and served in the legislature for quite a number of years. He was one of the committee appointed by the church and society to write a letter to President Washington on his visit to Savannah in 1791, joined Midway church Nov. 23, 1822, died May 17, 1829, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and was buried in Midway cemetery, where his tomb may be seen. Among other descendants he has a grandson, Judge Henry J. Stewart, residing in Jasper, Florida.

5. General Charles Claudius Wilson. The grandson of Josiah Wilson, who was clerk of Midway church for three years, from 1821 to 1824, and great grandson of Gen. Daniel Stewart, a lawyer and distinguished general during the late war, was born October 1, 1831, in Effingham county, to which his father removed. After three years' service in the war he died at Ringgold, Ga., November 25, 1863. His remains were removed and deposited at Savannah, December 1st of the same year.

6. Adjutant General John Kell. Grandson of John Kell, a citizen of St. John's parish, and one of the signers of the articles of incorporation of the church and society. His great grandfather was Col. William McIntosh, the son of John McIntosh, Mohr, his grandmother, was Margery, the daughter of Col. William McIntosh and Mary Mackey, and was baptized by Rev. John Osgood, pastor of Midway church, at Sapelo September 14, 1754. Captain Kell was born January 26, 1823, entered naval service October 23, 1846, on board ship Falmouth, commanded by Captain,

1. Sherwood's Gazetteer.

afterwards Commodore, McIntosh. During the late war, was first on the 'Savannah', guarding the coast, then on the 'Sumter', under Captain Semmes, afterwards on the 'Alabama', first as First Lieutenant, afterwards as Captain, on account of services off Cape Hatteras, and at present Adjutant General of the state of Georgia.

The McIntosh Family

Among the military men of the county we might also mention the name of several of the McIntosh's. Although these were all the descendants of Col. John McIntosh, Mohr, the chief of the clan that came over and settled with the Scottish highlanders at New Inverness, near Darien, in 1736, and made the Altamaha district, now McIntosh county, named after them, their headquarters, they were nevertheless more or less associated with the Midway people, whose pastor, Rev. John Osgood, occasionally visited and preached to them. Some of the family lived awhile in Liberty. Col. James S. McIntosh was born there. Col. John McIntosh, a nephew of Genera. Lachlan McIntosh, was in command of the fort at Sunbury November 25, 1778, when he sent that laconic answer to Col. Fuser, the British officer, who had demanded its surrender, "Come and take it." It was doubtless during his stay in Liberty that his son, Col. James S. McIntosh, was born June 19, 1787, who fell mortally wounded at Molino del Rey, and died in the city of Mexico Sept. 26, 1847.¹ Major Lachlan McIntosh, the brother

1. The legislature of Georgia, a few months afterwards, ordered the removal of his body, which was carried to Savannah and deposited May 18, 1848, in the tomb with his grand uncle, Major General Lachlan McIntosh.

of Col. John McIntosh, and father of Commodore James M. McIntosh, lived for a while at Sunbury. Here his daughter, Miss Maria McIntosh, the authoress, was born in 1803, and if his son, Commodore James M. McIntosh, was not born there, he was so much identified with the people that when the Georgia state legislature in 1860 requested the governor to have his remains removed from the navy yard at Pensacola, Florida, where they had been deposited, they were carried and laid beside relatives and kindred in the Midway grave yard, where they now repose. Is it saying too much, therefore, that Liberty county has an interest in, and may justly lay claim to, a part at least of the fame and valorous deeds of this remarkable family?

Among the early prominent military men of the parish might also be mentioned the names of Major William Baker and Captains Winn and Way and Maxwell and the notorious Bob Sallett, who seemed to have been a kind of independent sharpshooter, and was especially a terror to the marauding bands of Tories and British. When a boy I heard the statement made that he had lost an only brother at their hand, and the purpose to avenge his death only made him the more reckless and determined.

CONGRESSMEN

Hon. Benjamin Andrew

I first mention Hon. Benjamin Andrew, one of the original colony from Carolina, president of the first Executive Council, convened upon the election of John Adam Treutlin governor of Georgia in 1777, and three years afterwards elected a member of the Continental Congress, of whose home Bartram, in his travels, speaks of as 'the seat of virtue, where hospitality, piety, and philosophy formed the happy

family, where the weary traveler and stranger found a hearty welcome, and from whence, it must be his own fault, if he departed without being greatly benefited.¹

He was a man of wealth and influence, having two homes, a summer and a winter, one on the Riceboro road, which he afterwards sold to John Lambert, and one on Colonel's Island. He was associate justice with George Walton for a number of years, also a member of the legislature. In later years he removed to Richmond county and made Augusta his home, and where he died. Mrs. Elizabeth Andrew Hill, of Griffin, Ga., and one of the vice-presidents of the 'Daughters of the Revolution,' is a great granddaughter of his.

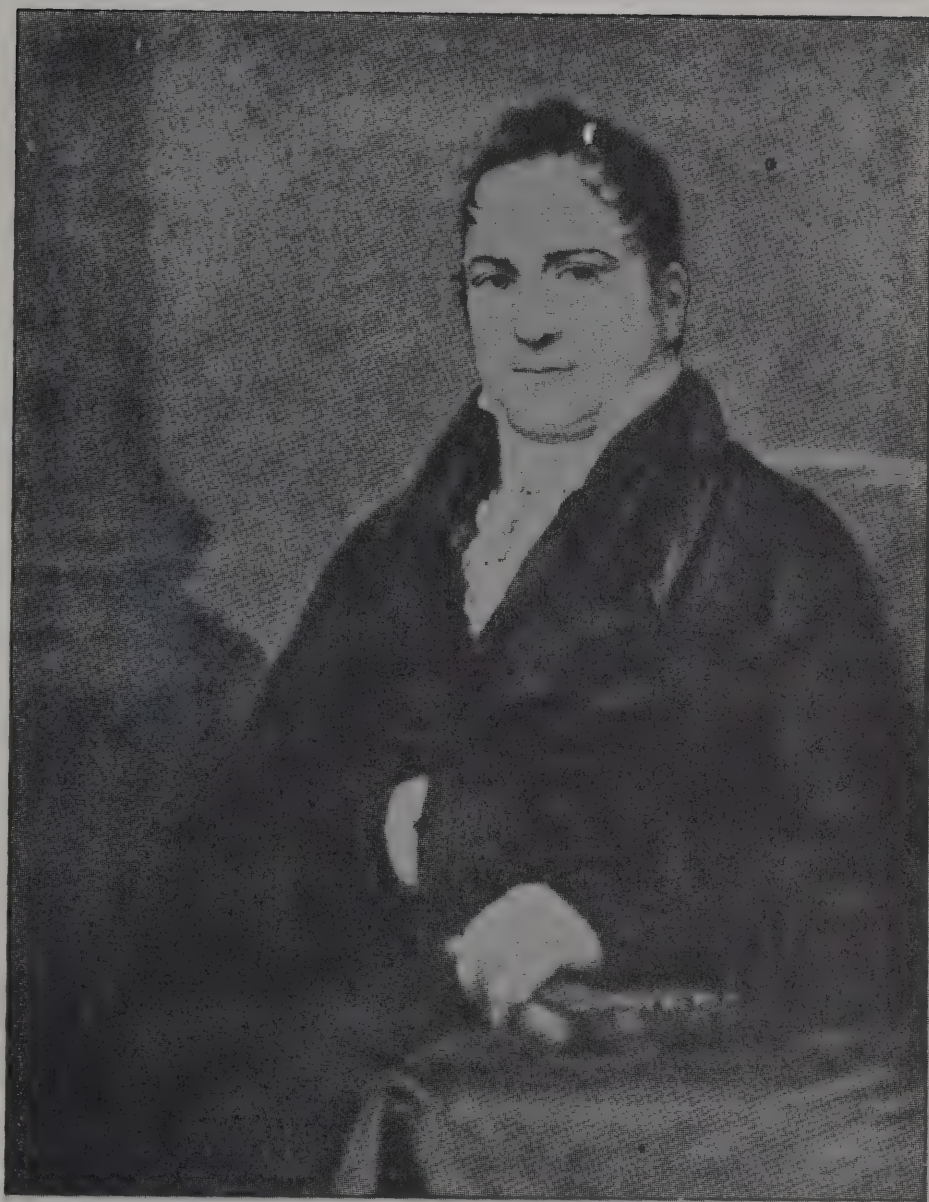
Hon. John Elliott, U.S. Senator

The son of Col. John Elliott and grandson of John Elliott, one of the original settlers, was born in St. John's parish October 24, 1773, baptized December 8, 1773, and six years in the United States Senate from 1819 to 1825, married Esther, daughter of Dr. James Dunwoody, October 1, 1795. The daughter, Esther Amarantha, born unto them married James Stephen Bullock, grandson of Archibald Bullock, president of the provincial Congress that met in Savannah July 4, 1775, and first republican governor of Georgia.

Hon. John A. Cuthbert

Born in Savannah June 3, 1788, received into Midway church January 1, 1815. His father a colonel in the Revolutionary war, graduated at

1. Travels P. 4.



HON. JOHN ELLIOTT, U. S. SENATOR.

Princeton 1805, law student in New York in 1809. In 1810 elected to the state legislature from Liberty county, which county he continued to represent for years, during the war of 1812 commanded a volunteer company to protect the coast, in 1818 elected representative in congress on one general ticket, in 1831 became editor and subsequently proprietor of 'The Federal Union,' a paper published at Milledgeville, in 1837 removed to Mobile, Alabama, to practice law, in 1840 elected judge of the county court of Mobile, and in 1852 appointed judge of the circuit court, and died near Mobile Sept. 22, 1861.¹

Hon. Alfred Iverson, U.S. Senator

Born in Liberty county December 3, 1798.² His father, Robert Iverson, and mother, Rebecca Jones, were both members of Midway church, his father being received July 2, 1790, and also one of the subscribers to the articles of incorporation of the church. His son, Alfred, was graduated at Princeton in 1820, studied law and practiced at Columbus, Georgia, three times member of the legislature in the house, and once in the upper house, for seven years judge of superior court for Columbus circuit, presidential elector in 1844, in 1846 chosen to congress, afterwards elected to United States Senate December 3, 1852, for a long time chairman of committee on Claims, withdrew on passage of

1. Ap. Cy. Biog.

2. The encyclopedias say Burke county, but his brother, the late B. V. Iverson, of Macon, told me that Liberty was the place of his birth, where his father lived before going to Burke. So his daughter, Mrs. Branham, of Kirkwood, and his son, Judge Iverson, of Kissimmee, Fla., write that they have always understood their father was born in Liberty county.

Secession, entered the service as colonel of a regiment in Confederate army, in November, 1862, became Brigadier General, and died in Macon March 4, 1873.

Hon. Augustus Octavius Bacon, U.S. Senator

Son of Rev. Augustus O. Bacon and regular descendant of the early settlers. His father was a Baptist minister, reared in the bosom of the Midway church and society, spending one year at the Presbyterian Seminary at Columbia, S.C. His mother was Louisa Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, and a member of Midway church. His parents both lie sleeping side by side in the old church yard at Midway. He himself was born in the adjoining county of Bryan October 20, 1839, where his father was minister at the time, received his school education in Liberty county, graduated at the University in the literary department in 1859 and law in 1860, adjutant of Ninth Georgia Regiment C.S.A. 1861-2, subsequently captain in the provisional army on staff duty, practiced law in Macon 1866, president of the state democratic convention in 1880, delegate from state at large in convention at Chicago in 1884, presidential elector on democratic ticket in 1868, in 1871 elected to the Georgia House of Representatives, being a member for fourteen years, and for eight years Speaker of the House, candidate for governor of Georgia in 1883 and came within one vote of nomination, and at present United States Senator, to which he was elected November, 1894.

Hon. William B. Fleming

Son of William and Catharine Fleming, born in Liberty county October 29, 1803, baptized the December following, received into Midway

church May 26, 1821, graduated at Yale College in 1824 or '25, entered upon the practice of law in 1835 or '36, removed to Savannah in the fall of 1837. After service in the legislature, thrice judge of the Eastern circuit, first from Nov. 11, 1845, to 1849, and second from Nov. 7, 1853, to 1868, and third from 1879 to 1881, one of the signers of the articles of Secession, though in favor of the Union to the last moment, appointed in 1878 by Governor Colquitt to fill the unexpired term of Hon. Julian Hartridge in Congress as Representative, and when there, refusing to meet on Sunday to wind up the business previous to adjournment, feeling that such a meeting was a profanation of the Lord's day. For this simple act, if no more, let his name be handed down to the latest generation as a worthy son of a worthy people. He died at Walthourville August 19, 1886.

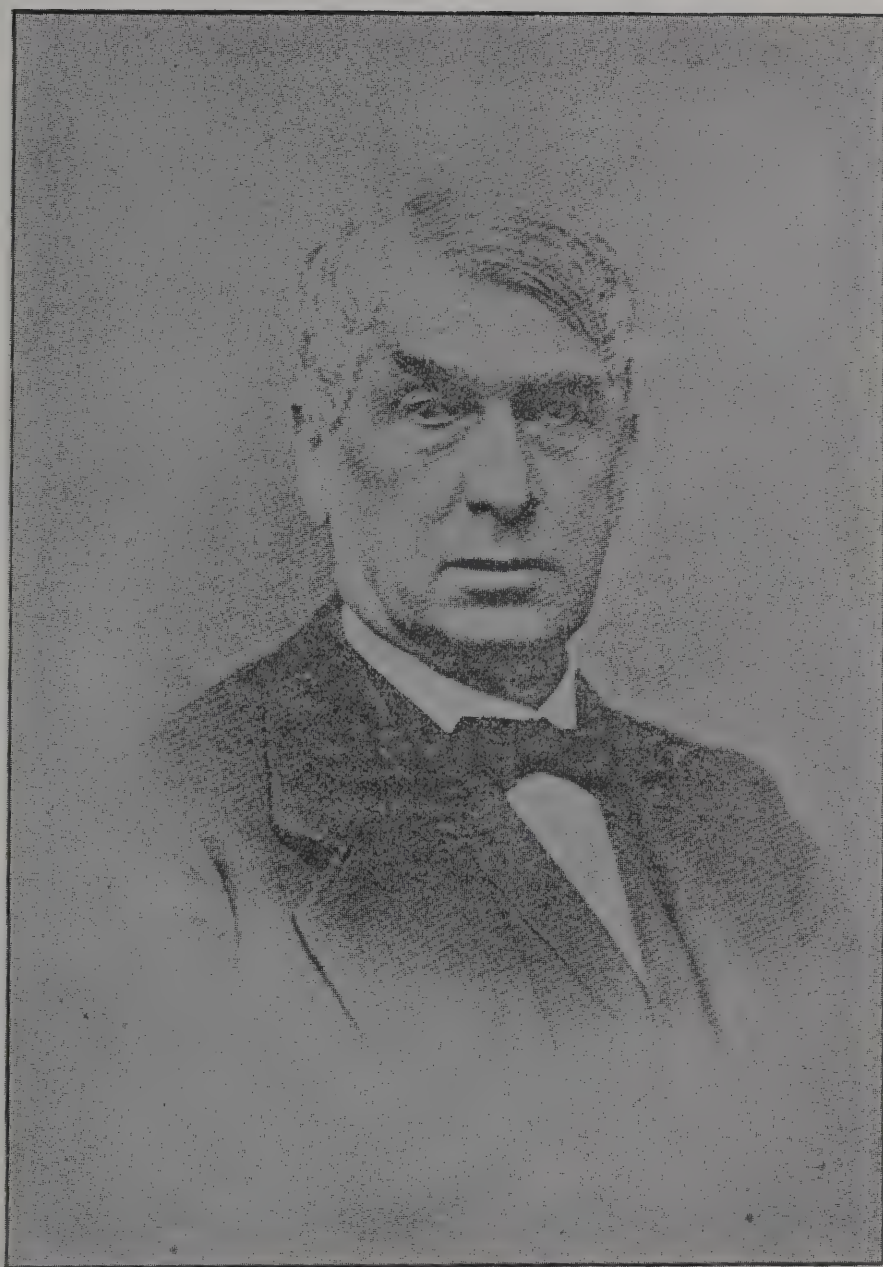
JURISTS

Hon. William E. Law

Celebrated jurist and advocate at the bar, son of Benjamin and Mary Law, members of the Midway congregation, born at Sunbury March 27, 1793, educated at Sunbury by Dr. McWhir, removed to Savannah at nineteen years of age, taught school in Chatham academy and studied law at night; appointed judge of the Eastern Circuit by Governor John Forsyth May 12, 1829, retired from the bench June 17, 1834, joined Independent church at Savannah under the pastorate of Dr. Daniel Baker, soon after elected elder in said church, and died in Savannah January 22, 1874. He was an eloquent and forcible speaker, delivered the oration at the Centennial Celebration at Midway in 1852. The writer was present and heard it and well remembers the impression made.

Hon. John E. Ward

Jurist, advocate and diplomatist, the son of William and Annie Ward. His mother was the daughter of Maj. Lachlan McIntosh and sister of Commodore J. M. McIntosh. He was born in Sunbury October 2, 1814, received into Midway church August, 1831. In a letter to me he speaks of the 'dear old church.' He entered upon the practice of law and removed to Savannah, Ga., in 1835, was solicitor of the Eastern Circuit in 1836, appointed U. S. District Attorney in 1838, resigned to enter the State Legislature, returned to the House in 1845 and 1853, when chosen speaker, was elected mayor of Savannah in 1854, in 1856, presided over the democratic national convention that met in Cincinnati and nominated James Buchanan president, in 1857 entered the State Senate and was chosen president and acting Lieutenant Governor, resigning in 1858 on being appointed U.S. minister to China, departed to his post in January, 1859, the first American or English minister, or of any other nation to visit Peking and hold a counsel with the officials of that great empire; Cushing and others who preceded him, being merely commissioners, he minister plenipotentiary. At the recent dinner given to Li Chung Hang, the illustrious ex-prime minister of China, at Waldorf's, in New York, Aug. 29, 1896, the honor was put upon Mr. Ward to preside, lead the distinguished guest to the seat of honor, and read the toasts. Upon the secession of Georgia, Mr. Ward resigned his position as minister to China, though strongly opposed to the measure. In January, 1866, he removed from Savannah to New York, where he has since, and is still engaged in the practice of law.



HON. JOHN E. WARD.

AUTHORS

Rev. Abiel Holmes, D. D.

Among the authors and writers we might mention the name of Dr. Abiel Holmes, for six years pastor of the Midway church. His 'Annals,' two volumes, are to this day esteemed by scholars as a work of great merit. What influence the church might exert over the son through the father can never be known. It is also worthy of note that Oliver Wendall Holmes, known everywhere as author of the 'Autocrat of the Breakfast Table,' and by his other numerous writings, was a son of Dr. Holmes, and was born in Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 29, 1809, after the removal of his father from Midway, and died in Boston October 7, 1894.

Rev. Jedidiah Morse, D.D.

It might not be amiss just here likewise simply to call attention to the fact that Dr. Jedidiah Morse, so well known by his 'American Gazetteer' and 'Elements of Geography,' and which books had such an extensive circulation as to give to him the title of 'Father of American Geography,' was for awhile in early life minister of Midway church.

Rev. F. R. Goulding

Among the native writers we mention the name of Rev. F. R. Goulding, the author of 'Young Marooners,' a book that not only bids fair to be, but actually has become, the rival of Robinson Crusoe in its claims upon the young.

Col. Charles C. Jones, Jr., LL.D.

Historian, biographer, and archaeologist, son

of Rev. C. C. Jones, D.D., a native of Liberty county, was born in Savannah, Ga., October 28, 1831, while his father was minister there, returning with his parents the next year to Liberty county, where he was reared and trained, graduated at Princeton in June, 1852, received diploma from law school in Cambridge, Mass., in 1855, became junior partner of the firm of Ward, Owens and Jones, alderman of Savannah in 1859, and mayor in 1860, a position seldom attained by one so young, entered the Confederate service as First Lieutenant of the Chatham artillery, chief of artillery in the siege of Savannah in December, 1864, afterwards upon staff of Gen. Hardee. But chiefly has he excelled as a writer. His contributions in the direction of State Biography, History and Archaeology, especially the antiquities of the Southern Indians, are numerous and valuable. To no man is the state of Georgia more indebted for contributions to her historical record, and for original researches, both in this country and Europe. His Miscellanies, Historical and Biographical sketches, Reminiscences, Memorials and Addresses on various occasions, too numerous to mention, are exceedingly valuable and will be more appreciated with the flight of time. But especially are we indebted to him for his history of Georgia, of which Bancroft the historian, said, 'It was the finest state history he had ever read, and that its high qualities fairly entitled its author to be called the Macaulay of the South.' We are also largely indebted for the transcription and publication, for which he was employed by the state, of the old Colonial acts from 1735 to 1774, and also the transaction of the Trustees of the Colony, by Hon. John Percival, earl of Egmont. He died at his home on the Sandhills near Augusta, July 19, 1893, leaving a son, Charles Edgeworth Jones, walking in the steps of his father, and who is fast acquiring a reputation as a writer of learning and ability.

Miss Maria M'cIntosh

In the list of lady authors we mention the name of Miss Maria McIntosh, the daughter of Major Lachlan McIntosh, and half sister of Commodore James M. McIntosh and of the mother of Hon. John E. Ward, the writer of so many volumes, born in Sunbury in 1803, and died in Morristown, N.J., February 25, 1878.

MEDICINE

In the department of Medicine might be mentioned the names of Drs. Dunwoody and Axson, army surgeons, and later that of Dr. J. M. B. Harden, born in Bryan county January 19, 1810, and died at Tallahassee, Fla., February 16, 1848, who was particularly skilled in the sciences allied to his profession, as chemistry and botany, and had made great progress in astronomy, geology, conchology, zoology. Dr. Harden married Miss Jane LeConte, the sister of the celebrated professors, and has left a son, Judge John L. Harden, who is the secretary of the Midway Society and Monumental Association.

Prof. Joseph Jones, M.D., LL.D.

Brother of Charles C. Jones, Jr., and son of Rev. C. C. Jones, D.D., was born in Liberty county September 6, 1833, graduated in medicine in University of Pennsylvania 1855, elected the same year to the chair of professor of chemistry in Savannah Medical College, in 1858 elected to chair of natural philosophy and natural theology in University of Georgia, in 1859 elected to the chair of chemistry in Medical College in Augusta, for six months in Confederate cavalry service during the war, for the rest of the time full surgeon in the army, to whom important places and duties were assigned; and he

improved the splendid opportunities afforded by army life for the study of fevers and various other diseases which were duly published in the various medical journals. His contributions to medical science were frequent and valuable, his great work being 'Medical and Surgical Memories,' upon which he was engaged during the later years of his life. In 1867 he was elected to a professorship in the Medical College of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1868 elected to the chair of chemistry and chemical medicine in Tulane University in New Orleans, elected and ordained a Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian church of Augusta, Ga., was an Elder in the Napoleon Avenue church, New Orleans, at the time of his death February 17, 1896.

CIVIL ENGINEERING

In the department of Civil Engineering I mention the name of Grant Wilkins, son of Joseph C. and Mary E. Grant Wilkins, born in Liberty county February 20, 1843. His father was a member of Midway church, received December 14, 1833, when only fifteen years old. The subject of this notice remained in Liberty county until 1860. In 1861 enlisted as private in the Troup county artillery, after service in various departments in the war, entered the civil engineering service of the government in 1867. In 1868 went into business for himself, making the construction of bridges his specialty, and in his line is regarded as one of the leading architects in the country. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Cotton States and International Exposition, and as chief of construction, drew all the plans for the laying off the grounds. He was the engineer of the Atlanta Forsyth Street Bridge, which structure will ever stand as a monument of his engineering skill and ability.

PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS

Among the professors and teachers might be mentioned the names of Rev. Drs. Thomas Goulding and C. C. Jones, professors at Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. William McWhir, who, though not a native, claimed Liberty county as his adopted home, and who for many years maintained one of the most celebrated and extensively patronized schools in the state. Rev. P. H. Mell, D. D., professor at Mercer College, afterwards professor and then chancellor of the State University, at Athens, Ga., who also has a son, P. A. Mell, Jr., professor at the State Military School at Auburn, Alabama, and the Rev. Messrs. J. W. Baker and Donald Fraser, D.D., professors at Oglethorpe University.

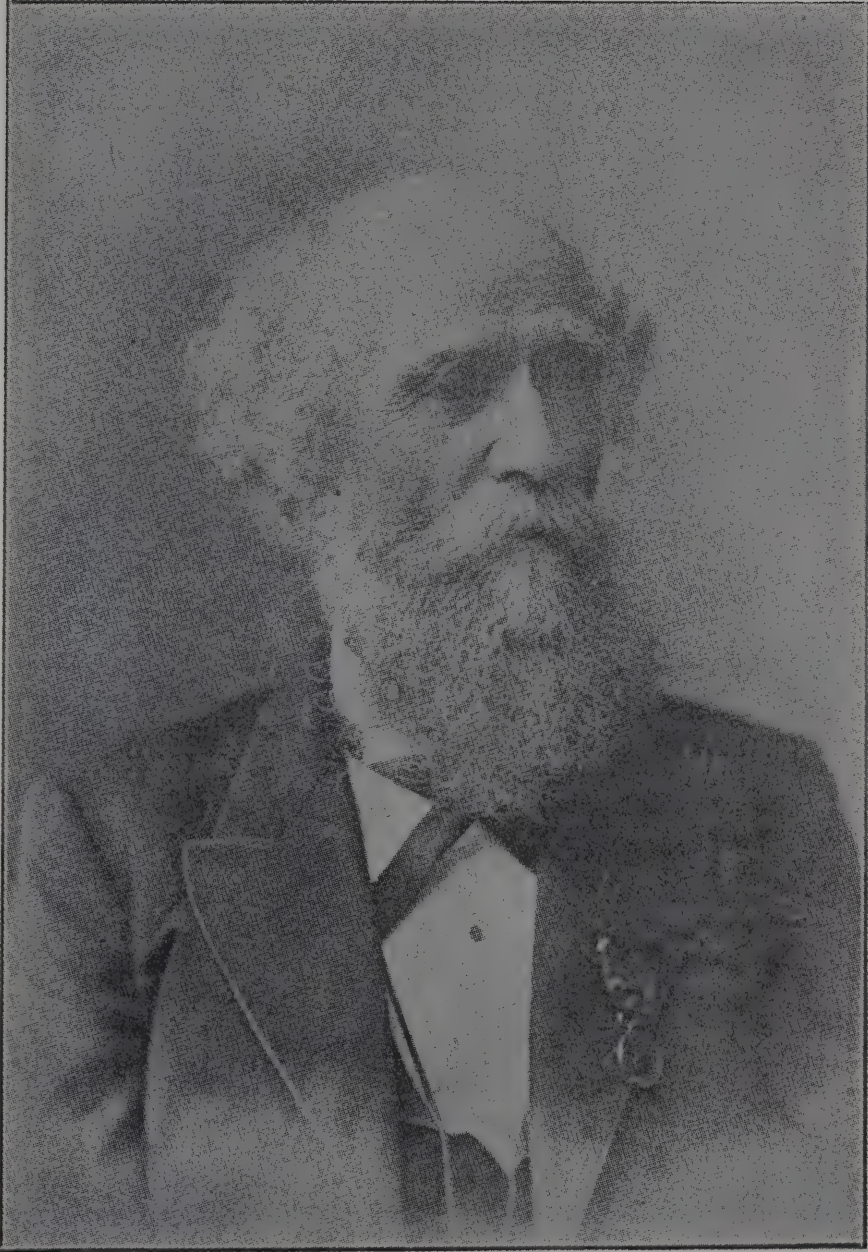
Profs. John and Joseph LeConte

These two celebrated brothers of world-wide reputation as scientists, were born in Liberty county. Their father, Dr. Louis LeConte, a signer of the articles of incorporation, their mother, Miss Ann Quarterman, a devoted member of the Midway church; the former son born December 4, 1818, the latter, September 26, 1823; the former baptized February, 1819, the latter in November, 1823. Both for awhile taught by A. H. Stephens. Both graduated with distinction at Athens. Both studied medicine. After the practice of medicine for two years in Savannah, John accepted the chair of chemistry and physics at Athens. Joseph also practiced a short while in Macon, Ga., then took a course under Agassiz, after which he was elected to the chair of natural history in the old Oglethorpe College, where, after a short time he went to the University of South Carolina at Columbia, where his brother had already been located a year. He remained in Columbia fourteen years, leaving with his brother to accept

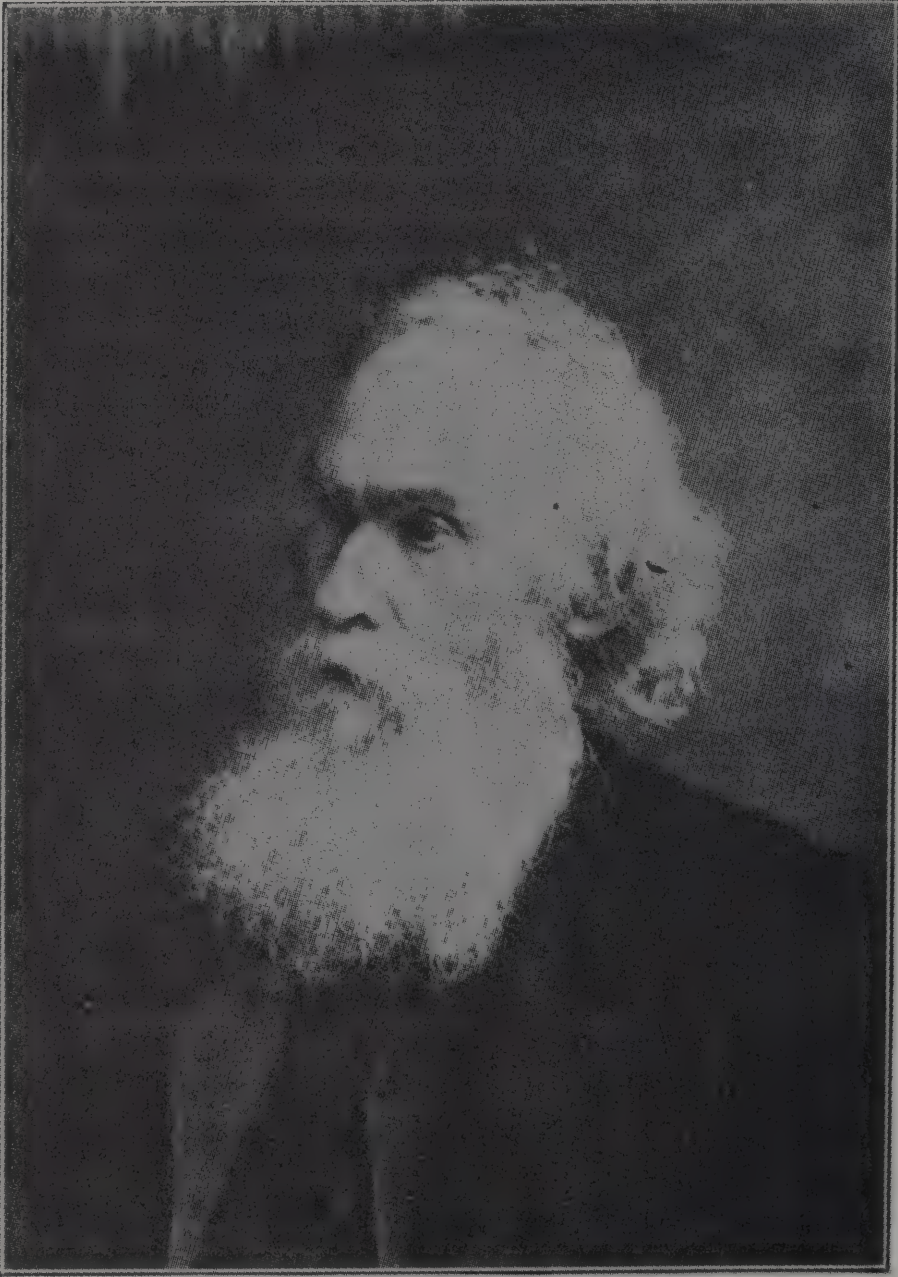
positions in the University of California at Berkeley in 1869. Prof. John LeConte is known as the father of the University of California. Under the care and guidance of himself and brother from an institution of thirty-eight pupils and no income, it became a school with 1200 pupils and an income of over \$350,000. These brothers were never separated from the time Joseph left Oglethorpe for Athens, with the exception of the one year in which John preceded him to Columbia, until his death which occurred April, 1891. The works of these two brothers are known in all scientific circles of the world. The work of Prof. Joseph LeConte on Geology is used as a text book in nearly all of the colleges of the country. He still lives at the University of California. Mrs. Emma LeConte Furman, his daughter, and wife of the late Farish C. Furman, author of the celebrated Furman Compost, still lives and conducts the farm successfully on a scientific basis.

Dr. William Louis Jones

Son of William and Mary (Roberts) Jones, members of Midway church, born in Liberty county March 27, 1827, graduated at University of Georgia in 1845, took degree of M.D. in college of Surgeons and Physicians, in New York, in 1845, and degree of Bachelor of Science in Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard in 1851, elected professor of Natural History in University of Georgia in 1851 and resigned in 1852, re-elected in 1861 and resigned in 1872. In 1886 elected professor of Agriculture in University of Georgia, and in 1889 Director of Georgia Experimental Station until removed to Griffin in 1890. In 1891 resigned his professorship in the University, and in the autumn of 1867 his father purchased the 'Southern Cultivator' and ran it jointly till 1872, when he became sole proprietor and editor, and so continued till 1887 (twenty years). He is still living in Atlanta and a regular contributor to the same.



— PROF. JOSEPH LÉCONTE.



PROF. JOHN LÉCONTE.

Milton E. Bacon

Among other teachers, I mention the name of Milton E. Bacon, founder of one of the celebrated Female Colleges in LaGrange, Ga. He was the fourth son of Thomas and Sarah Bacon, and a regular descendant of the early settlers, the church record giving an account of the marriage of his parents and grandparents, and also of some of the children. He was born in Liberty county July 22, 1818, graduated at the State University in 1836, and married Mary Lucilla Wilson, daughter of Major Josiah Wilson, and granddaughter of General Daniel Stewart, December 10, 1841. In 1843 he took charge of the Female College established in LaGrange, Ga., by Rev. John E. Dawson, Baptist minister, and had it chartered as a Female Seminary in 1845, over which he continued to preside with marked success till 1855, when he removed to Aberdeen, Mississippi, to take charge of the Female College in that place, where he remained till 1861, when he became professor in the Judson Female College, Alabama, returning to Aberdeen in 1872, being made President of the Female College at Winona, Mississippi, in 1879, which position he filled till his death May 10, 1886.

After his removal from LaGrange, Mr. C. C. Cox, who married his youngest daughter, Mary, in 1851 assumed the presidency. Though the original building was burned in 1864, when used as a hospital, the school still continues and flourishes, together with its twin sister gone out from it, known as the 'Southern Female College,' recently established at College Park, near Atlanta, in 1895, and under the control of his descendants.

Samuel McWhir Varnedoe

Named after Dr. McWhir, and son of Nathaniel

Varnedoe, a deacon in the church, was born in Liberty county, August 3, 1816, received into Midway church February 25, 1832, Hon. A. H. Stephens, one of his teachers, graduated at Franklin College in 1836, represented the county twice in the legislature, a teacher at Jonesville for a number of years, in 1856 the nominee of the American party for congress, and defeated by Hon. James L. Seward, of Thomasville. After the war removed to Valdosta, where in 1866, he established the Valdosta Institute, which he conducted with great success till his death April 23, 1878. Hundreds of pupils have gone out from the school. He was ordained Ruling Elder in the Valdosta Presbyterian church May 19, 1866, which position he filled at the time of his death. His son, J. O. Varnedoe, who assisted him for a time in the school, is a prominent business man of the place, filling the office of mayor, Alderman, and President of the Board of Trade, was the first captain of the Valdosta Videttes, and now the popular and accomplished colonel of the Fourth Georgia Regiment, of which it is a part.

John B. Mallard

Son of John and Lydia Mallard, born September 18, 1808, baptized October 16, 1808, spent one year at the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C., teacher of a Female School at Walthourville, then principal of the Midway Female Seminary, Baldwin county, Ga., afterwards professor in Oglethorpe College, and author of 'The Short Account of the Midway Congregational Church,'¹ elected Deacon of Midway church in 1838 and died at Walthourville June 22, 1877.

1. He had a fuller history prepared, but the Ms. was lost in the burning of his residence.

Prof. John E. Baker

Among the teachers now living, I mention Prof. John E. Baker, son of W. Q. Baker, born in Liberty county March 22, 1833, graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1859, received into Midway church May 15, 1862, first a teacher at Fletcher Institute at Thomasville, Ga., in 1866, and afterwards president of 'Young Female College,' in the same place in 1869, which place he still holds.

Prof. William Henry Baker

Brother of the above, born in Liberty county September 1, 1834, received into Midway church May 15, 1852, graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1859, made superintendent of the Public Schools in Savannah in 1866, and which position he filled for twenty years.

Col. Samuel B. Spencer

Son of William and Sarah Spencer, born in Liberty county December 27, 1827, received into Midway church February 19, 1842, graduated in Oglethorpe College in 1848, taught school for several years in Lumpkin, Ga., entered upon the practice of law in 1853, was mayor of the city of Atlanta in 1874, and for a number of years and still is a teacher in the Public Schools in Savannah, Georgia.

Prof. Edgar T. Way

Born in Walthourville, Liberty county, December 21, 1835, received into Midway church November 19, 1853, graduated at South Carolina College in December, 1856, Principal of the Massey Public School in Savannah since 1868, elected a Ruling Elder in the first Presbyterian church in Savannah, which position he still fills.

Prof. Samuel Dowse Bradwell

Son of James S. Bradwell and grandson of Thomas Bradwell, Major in the war of 1812, was born near Hinesville, Liberty county, January 5, 1840, graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1859, was captain in the war, of 'Liberty Volunteers,' for twenty years principal of the Hinesville Institute, (where his father taught before him), at the same time editing the 'Hinesville Gazette;' his school being patronized by students from fifteen counties, was elector on the Hancock and English ticket, unsuccessful candidate for congress in 1886, State Senator in 1888-9, at which time chairman of the committee on Public Schools, appointed by Governor Northen State Commissioner for four year, 1891-95, elected President of State Normal School at Athens in 1895, which position he still fills. As evidence of his popularity, thirty-two children have been named after him.

Were it necessary I could give quite a number of other teachers, as the Dunhams, the Stevens, the Bakers, the Cassels, the Ways, the Quartermans, as well as lawyers, doctors and other professionals, to say nothing of leading business men, who have gone out by scores, and making their impress felt upon every part of the country. We find them everywhere scattered over the whole land, and when found usually in the front. When Cyneas, the ambassador of Pyrrhus, after his return from Rome, was asked by his master what he thought of the city and state, he answered, 'that it seems to him to be a state of none but great statesmen and a commonwealth of kings.' No one can look over the foregoing list without being deeply impressed with the great honor put upon that little church and community.

CHAPTER IX

Ministers of the Gospel

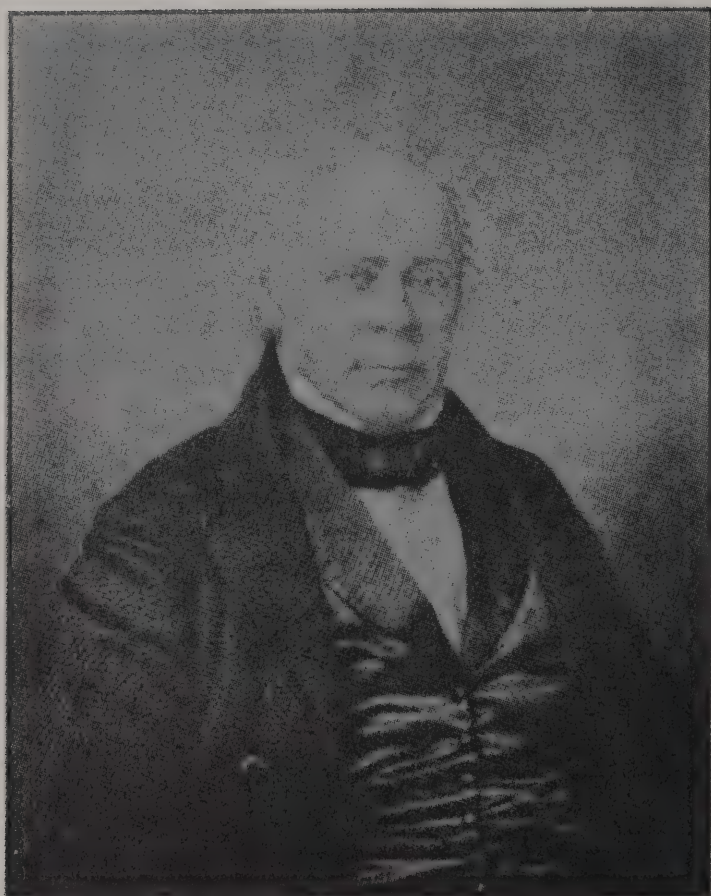
But the greatest honor put upon the church and colony is the great number of ministers that have gone out from them, and their descendants, there being fifty Presbyterians, seventeen Baptists, thirteen Methodists, and one Episcopalian, making a total of eighty-one, as appears from the following list:

PRESBYTERIAN

1. Rev. Thomas Goulding, D.D.

The first native born Presbyterian minister in Georgia,¹ the son of Thomas Goulding and Margaret Stacy, (grand aunt of the writer), was born in Liberty county March 14, 1786, dedicated to the Lord in baptism June 25th of the same year, received into Midway church, with thirteen others, April 29, 1810, taught school at Sunbury and Baisden's Bluff, in McIntosh county, licensed by Harmony Presbytery October 31, 1813, ordained and installed pastor of White Bluff church, near Savannah, January 27, 1816, and supplying the same till 1822, removing then to Lexington, Ga., where he remained for eight years.

1. That is of our own branch. Dr. Isaac Grier, the grandfather of Dr. W. M. Grier, now president of Erskine College, Due West, S.C., of the Associate Reformed Church, was born in Greene county, Ga., in 1776. Over the grave of his mother, Margaret Grier, who lies in the Sardis burying ground. Mecklenburg, N.C., is a head stone, with this inscription: 'The mother of the first Presbyterian minister born in Georgia. -Spragnes' Annals, Vol. IX, P. 110.



REV. DANIEL BAKER, D.D.

ordained pastor of Midway church May 27, 1823, by Georgia Presbytery,¹ and continued pastor for twenty-six years, in the faithful discharge of his duty, honored and revered by all, until impaired health in 1847 constrained him to tender his resignation, which the people of his charge reluctantly accepted, at the same time, however, voting him the position of 'Honorary pastor,' with an annuity of \$400 till his death, which occurred April 19, 1849. His remains were buried in Midway cemetery. He was the first native pastor born in the colony after the removal from Carolina, Mr. Osgood being the only one in that state. It has been said of him, 'Take him all in all and his equal was rarely found.' A man of fine physique, in theology sound, his preaching solid, his life consistent, his end calm and peaceful. Four of his sons became ministers, one of whom a Foreign Missionary, two of his daughters ministers' wives, one of whom was a missionary to China for sixteen years.

3. Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D.

Was born in Liberty county August 17, 1791, and baptized October 2d of the same year. He was the son of William Baker, a deacon in Midway church—his grand-father, William Baker, being also a deacon. His mother was Elizabeth Dunham. He was received into the College church Hampden Sidney April 9, 1805, while at school there, though he said he believed he was converted at Midway when about 14 years of age.² Entered the junior class and

1. Formed from Harmony Presbytery, by Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, at its meeting at Washington, Wilkes county, Nov. 7, 1821.

2. Life by his son, P. 34.

graduated at Princeton in 1815. Licensed by Winchester Presbytery at Leesburg, Va., 1816 - supplying the churches in Rockingham county till ordained and settled in Harrisonburg, Va., March 5, 1818. While at Harrisonburg, taught school, having among his pupils Gessner Harrison and Henry Tutwilder, subsequently distinguished professors, the former in the University of Virginia, and the latter in the LaGrange College, Alabama. Left Virginia in 1821 and became pastor of the Second Church at Washington, D.C., where he remained until 1828, where he became pastor of the Independent Presbyterian church of Savannah, Ga., where he remained until entering fully in 1830 upon the evangelistic work - from which time traveling extensively over the country, holding protracted meetings. The results of these missionary labors, eternity will alone reveal. As the fruit of one single meeting held at Beaufort, S.C., in 1831, eight ministers went out.¹ Among the number of converts, were Rev. Dr. Richard Fuller, of the Baptist church; Rev. Stephen Elliott, Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, and Hon. R. W. Barnwell, member of Congress and president of South Carolina College. He published a little work, 'Baptism in a Nutshell,' 'Affectionate Addresses to Fathers and Mothers,' and also a volume of 'Revival Sermons.' The last few years of his life he spent in establishing and endowing the Presbyterian College at Austin, Texas, of which he was its first president. After forty-one years of successful labor, he died at Austin, Texas, December 10, 1857; leaving among other children, three sons, who also became ministers.

1. Life by his son, P. 155.

4. Rev. Charles Colcock Jones, D.D.

The son of Capt. John Jones and Susannah Girardeau, was born in Liberty county December 20, 1804. Baptized June 9, 1805, received into Midway church November 23, 1823, with twenty-seven others. Studied under Dr. McWhir at Sunbury, licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery, (N.J.) in the spring of 1830. Ordained by Georgia Presbytery November 27, 1831; elected and continued stated supply of the First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga., for the year till November, 1832, when he became missionary to the colored people of Liberty county; elected professor of Ecclesiastical History in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S.C., in 1836; returned to Liberty county to his work among the colored people in 1838; reelected professor of the same chair at Columbia 1848, remaining there till 1850. On the night of April 9, 1850, his house with all his lectures, papers, and library being burned, and being elected to the office, he became successor to Dr. W. A. McDowell as secretary of the Assembly's Domestic Missions (of the old individed church), and residing at Philadelphia until the fall of 1853, when his health failing he returned to his home in Liberty county, laboring as he could among the colored people till his death, which occurred March 16, 1863.

Dr. Jones will be handed down to future generations as the 'Apostle to the colored people.' While laboring among them, he wrote a book on the 'Religious Instruction of the Negroes,' in addition his annual reports, which were widely circulated and read. He also prepared a catechism for their oral instruction, which was generally used in the South, and which has been translated into different heathen languages for the use of foreign missionaries. His chief work is his 'Church of God,'

published after his death by his son. He left three children - the eldest, Hon. Charles C. Jones, Jr., LL.D., a distinguished writer and an author of several works, among them, a history of Georgia; the second, Dr. Joseph Jones, a physician, and for years professor in the Tulane Medical College at New Orleans; and a daughter, who became the wife of Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D.D., of New Orleans.

5. Rev. Samuel Jones Cassels

Son of Elias and Sarah (Jones) Cassels, born at Cannouchee, Liberty county, February 24, 1806; received into Midway church March 2, 1823; graduated at Athens August 6, 1828, with the highest academic honors; licensed by Hopewell Presbytery, and ordained by the same at Augusta, Ga., February 17, 1829; settled at Washington, Ga., in 1832, installed pastor of the church at Macon, Ga., in 1837; removed to Norfolk, Va., and became pastor of the church at that place in 1841. His health failing, removed to Savannah, Ga., in the spring of 1846, from that time principal of the Chatham Academy till his death - June 15, 1853.

He was the author of several works, and a man of eloquence and remarkable power in the pulpit. An invalid for several years, he wrote an interesting series of letters for the 'Southern Presbyterian' over the nom de plume, 'Paul the Prisoner.' In accordance with his request, he was buried in Midway cemetery. At the centennial of the old church December 5 to 7, unable to be present, he sent the following toast to be offered in his name, and which the writer well remembers hearing when read: 'Liberty county, the place of my first and second birth, to be the place of my third.' 'The change is coming,' were his last words, and calmly folding his hands upon his breast, quietly breathed his last.

6. Rev. Francis Robert Goulding

Son of Dr. Thomas and Ann (Holbrook) Goulding, was born in Liberty county September 28, 1810; baptized March 23, 1811; received into the church at Lexington, Ga., November, 1828, where his father was pastor; licensed by Charleston Union Presbytery at Walterboro, S.C., in 1833. His first charge Concord and Harmony churches, S.C. Nine years minister at Greensboro, Waynesboro, and Bath, Ga. For some time agent of Publication Society and Seaman's Friend at Charleston, S.C.; teacher for awhile at Kingston, Ga.; for six years pastor at Darien, until the war; chaplain in the Confederate army; first inventor of a sewing machine.¹ His was a busy pen - besides writing largely for papers and periodicals, he was the author of four books, among them 'The Young Marooners,' already translated into several languages, and a book that will render his name immortal. He died at Roswell, Ga., August 22, 1881, after a ministry of forty-eight years.

7. John Wyckliffe Baker, D.D.

The son of William Jeans and Elizabeth (Way) Baker, was born in Liberty county January 24, 1811; graduated at the State University August 6, 1828, and Princeton Seminary, 1835; licensed by New Brunswick Presbytery August 5, 1835; ordained by Hopewell Presbytery November 26, 1836; pastor of the Milledgeville Church, Ga., for sixteen years; also professor of ancient languages in Oglethorpe College for seven years; at same time supplying in part, Sparta and Eatonton churches. His health failing, taught a private school in Marietta, Georgia,

1. The writer saw the remains of it at his home at Bath, in the summer of 1848.

for one year, elected professor of Moral Philosophy and Evidences of Christianity, in the Military Institute at said place until broken up by the civil war, taught school in the Richmond Academy, on the Sand Hills, near Augusta, Ga., ministered to different churches around Marietta, among others Smyrna church, for more than twenty years; and for thirty years stated clerk of the Presbytery of Cherokee, sixty-two years in the ministry and still living.

8. Rev. John Baker Cassels

The son of Elias and Sarah (Jones) Cassels, was born in Liberty county, April 6, 1811, taught school at Flemington, (then Gravel Hill) the writer's first teacher in 1837; studied theology at Seminary at Columbia, graduating in 1835; licensed by Harmony Presbytery, and received by Hopewell Presbytery April 22, 1837, and at the same meeting ordained evangelist, pastor of Salem church of that Presbytery, died after a short ministry of seventeen months, in September, 1838, and buried at the pulpit end of the Salem church, where a monument was erected to his memory. The membership of the church, afterwards having removed to the village of Woodstock, the house was sold to the Baptists, and now bears the name of 'Phillip's Baptist church.'

9. Rev. Richard Maxwell Baker

The brother of Rev. John W. Baker and son of William Jeans and Elizabeth Baker, was born in Liberty county April 30, 1813, received into the church at Richmond Bath, when there, going to school to Rev. Samuel Cassels about 1828, licensed by Hopewell Presbytery, and ordained by the same November 29, 1840, preached that winter at Apalachicola, Florida, doing missionary work at Mariana, took

charge of the church at Quincy in 1842, and continued its pastor till 1847, when he took charge of the Academy at Sparta, Ga., and supplying the church at the same time till 1849, when he gave up the school and supplied the church there for three years, temporarily supplied the Midway field during Dr. Axson's absence, in 1851 preached to the Ebenezer church, Sussex county, Va., during the summer of 1852, settled in LaFayette, Ga., in 1853, where for many years, until his health failed, he continued to do evangelistic work in the destitute sections around him. He died at his home at LaFayette, Ga., June 11, 1896, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

10. Rev. John Winn

Son of Maj. John and Eliza (Wilson) Winn, was born in Liberty county January 10, 1814, and baptized March 6th of the same year; graduated at Amherst College in 1834, and at Columbia Seminary in 1837; taken under the care of Georgia Presbytery and licensed November 1, 1837, and ordained by the same November 4, 1838; offered himself and was accepted as a foreign missionary, but lack of funds at the time, and afterwards the failing health of his wife, prevented his going as missionary; entered the field for awhile as collecting agent in the South for foreign missions; for a time supplied Forsyth and Hopewell churches; pastor of Darien and Harris Neck churches from 1840 to 1844; pastor Bryan Neck from 1844 to 1851; employed by the executors of Lambert's estate as missionary to the colored people of Liberty county from 1851 to 1857; pastor at Henry, Ill., from 1857 to 1871; pastor at Madison, Ill., from 1871 till his death, August 26, 1892, after a ministry of 55 years, leaving two children foreign missionaries, Rev. Thomas Winn and Harriet Louisa Winn - both in Japan.

11. Rev. Peter Winn

Brother of the above and son of Maj. John and Eliza (Wilson) Winn, was born in Liberty county September 27, 1815; baptized January 7, 1816; received into Midway church December 3, 1831, professing conversion under the preaching of Dr. J. C. Stiles; graduated with second honor at Franklin College August, 1838; taught school for a short time in Taliaferro county; entered the Columbia Seminary in 1838; but compelled to leave after a year on account of ill health; labored as bible agent and colporteur of American Tract Society, from 1841 to 1843, in the States of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama; licensed to preach at Midway by the Presbytery of Georgia November, 1843. After spending the winter in Cuba recruiting his health, he engaged for about two years in missionary labors among the negroes in the vicinity of Port Gibson, Miss., and there married Miss Margarette McComb. Being a confirmed consumptive with health broken down, he returned to the home of his mother at Walthourville, where he died January 18, 1847, and was buried in the old Midway cemetery. On account of poor health, he was never ordained.

His widow afterwards married Mr. Henry Bartlett, a merchant of New Orleans, and who was the son of Rev. Mr. Bartlett, for fifty years pastor of the Congregational church at Munson, Mass. He being an elder in Dr. Palmer's church, and went out with a colony, and made an elder in the new church. Through the liberal gift of his widow, Mrs. Bartlett, of \$65,000, a memorial building was erected to his memory, which still stands and is known as the 'Memorial Church'.

12. Rev. John Jones, D. D.

Cousin and brother-in-law of Dr. C. C. Jones, son of Maj. Joseph and Sarah Anderson Jones, and grandson of Maj. John Jones, who fell in battle at the siege of Savannah in 1779; was born in Liberty county November 15, 1815; received into Midway church, with seven others, November 23, 1832; graduated at the University of Georgia in 1836 and Columbia Seminary in 1839; licensed by Presbytery of Georgia April 4, 1840; ordained by the same May 2, 1841; pastor of Bryan Neck church, from 1841 to 1843; supply at Darien, from 1843 to 1847; pastor at Marietta from 1848 to 1853; pastor at First Church, Savannah, 1853 to 1854; Walthourville, 1855; Washington, Ga., 1856 to 1857; Rome, Ga., 1857 to 1861; chaplain in Confederate Army, 1861 to 1862; pastor at Griffin, from 1865 to 1870; evangelist of Atlanta Presbytery, 1870; chaplain of the House of Representatives of Georgia for quite a number of years from 1872, and afterwards of the Senate, from 1882 till his death. After fifty-three years of faithful service he died at his home in Atlanta November 26, 1893 - aged 79 years. He was afflicted with almost total blindness the last few years of his life. He was buried at Atlanta - the Legislature being in session at the time, adjourned to attend the funeral in a body - he being at the time the chaplain of the Senate.

13. Rev. James Bulloch Dunwoody

Son of John and Jane (Bulloch) Dunwoody, and grandson of Dr. James Dunwoody; was born in Washington, Wilkes county, Ga., September 24, 1816; baptized January 26, 1817; received in old Midway church February 25, 1827, with seventeen others; graduated at Yale College; studied law under Judge Lumpkin, and admitted to the bar; graduated at

Columbia Seminary in the class of 1841; licensed by Cherokee Presbytery in the fall of the same year; served as missionary of the Presbytery for one year; ordained by Charleston Presbytery in 1845, and installed pastor of Stoney Creek church; supplied Barnwell in 1858, and Washington, Ga., in 1859; chaplain in the army, taught school, supplied feeble churches on the seaboard; returned to Stoney Creek where he is still living, being in his 82nd year. In recent correspondence with him he expresses continued and abiding interest in the old church at Midway - speaking of it as 'Dear Old Midway.'

14. Rev. Richard Quarterman Way

The son of John and Rebecca (Jones) Way, was born in Liberty county December 20, 1819; baptized February, 1820; received into Midway church, with seven others, November 23, 1832; entered Franklin College in 1836, where he remained a term of years; entered Columbia Seminary and graduated in 1843, licensed by Charleston Presbytery at Charleston, S.C., in April of the same year, ordained at Columbia, as Foreign Missionary, September, 1843, sailed with his wife from Boston November 18th of same year, and reached Ningpo, China, November, 1844, being twelve months on the way, stopping at Java two months; labored in China sixteen years, leaving the last of 1858, and being four months on the way; missionary to the colored people in Liberty county from 1859 to 1866; in connection with this work, preaching to the whites at Midway during the year 1866, was pastor of Mt. Vernon church from 1866 to January, 1871, stated supply at Brunswick in 1871-2, Presbyterial evangelist from 1871 to 1873, pastor to Bryan church from January, 1877, to April, 1886, pastor of Anderson Street Church, Savannah, from 1886 to 1893, died at Savannah August 6, 1895, leaving among his children one son, a minister, Rev. Louis T. Way.

15. Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn

Son of Major John and Eliza (Wilson) Winn, a great grandson of Rev. John Osgood, the first pastor of Midway church, was born at Sunbury, Liberty county, February 5, 1820; received into Midway church November 29, 1840; graduated at the University of Georgia August, 1841; teacher on Colonel's Island 1842, and in Chatham Academy, Savannah, 1843; graduated at Columbia Seminary, 1846; licensed and ordained November, 1846; Domestic missionary at Hawkinsville, Haynesville, and Perry fifteen months; assisted Rev. Richard Hooker in organizing Perry church; co-pastor with Dr. Axson at Midway church seven years, from February, 1848 to 1855; pastor of Concord, Mt. Zion and Carthage churches, in Hale county, Alabama, for forty years, from 1855 to 1895; five years supply at Bethlehem, and a few months at Ebenezer, Gainesville, Bethel and Birmingham, all of said state, and still living at his home in Hale county, (1898).

16. Rev. John Winn Quarterman

The son of Rev. Robert and Jemima (Way) Quarterman, who was the pastor of the church for twenty-four years and the father of so many ministers; was born in Liberty county September 21, 1821; graduated with first honor at the State University in 1840; licensed by Georgia Presbytery Nov. 15, 1845; minister at St. Marys, Ga., six months; ordained Foreign Missionary to Ningpo, China, May 31, 1846, embarking on the bark Grafton from New York, July 20th of the same year, arriving at Ningpo in December, and continuing missionary for ten years; translated portions of the Scriptures, and Jones' catechism, into Chinese for the use of the native schools. He died at Ningpo, China, of small pox October 14, 1857, and was buried there.

17. Rev. Daniel Sumner Baker

Son of Dr. Daniel Baker, the evangelist and grandson of William Baker, Deacon in Midway church, born in Washington, D.C., January 7, 1823, while his father was pastor there; ordained by the Presbytery of Louisiana in 1850; minister of the Third Church, New Orleans, 1850-2; teacher in New Orleans in 1852-3; minister at Carrollton in 1853-5; at Grosse Tete, in 1855-8; Providence, in 1858-60; Red Lick, in 1858-63; United States Custom House, New Orleans, in 1863-71; assistant treasurer, office New Orleans, in 1873-6, Sunday-school Missionary Board of Publication, Presbytery of Marysville in 1883-92. He is still living at Marysville, Tennessee.

18. Rev. William Munford Baker, D.D.

Son of Dr. Daniel Baker and brother of the above, born at Washington, D.C., June 5, 1825; ordained evangelist of the Presbytery of Little Rock in 1850; minister at Galveston, Texas, 1856; pastor, at Aniston, 1860-65; Zanesville, Ohio, 1866-72; Newburyport, Mass., 1872-74; Boston, 1874-81; South Church, Philadelphia, 1881-3; author of the life of his father, Dr. Daniel Baker. Died at Boston, Mass., after thirty-four years in the ministry, August 20, 1883.

19. Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D.

The son of Simon and Sarah (Martin) Fraser, born in Liberty county November 26, 1826; received into Midway church November 16, 1844; graduated at Oglethorpe College November, 1848, and Columbia Seminary 1851; licensed by Georgia Presbytery July 20, 1851, at Mt. Vernon; ordained by the same at Savannah, November 16, 1851; installed pastor Bryan Neck church January 11, 1852; pastoral relation

dissolved at Dorchester July 15, 1856, when he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Florida; settled the same year at Jacksonville; called to Madison and Oakland churches April, 1860, installed April 9, 1862; chaplain of 2nd Florida Regiment July, 1861-3; removed to Monticello, Florida, January 11, 1867; elected professor in Oglethorpe College July, 1870; dismissed to Atlanta Presbytery November 14, 1872; while filling the professional chair, supplied Decatur church; installed pastor of same 1873, and so continued till his death. On the early morning of Sept. 12, 1887, he was found dead on the train near McDonough, Ga., while returning from a visit to Liberty county.

20. Rev. Joseph Melanchthon Quarterman

Son of Rev. Robert Quarterman, old pastor of the church, and Jemima Way, was born at Flemington, Liberty county, April 13, 1828; received into Midway church February 19, 1842, with twenty-one others; graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1847, and at Columbia Seminary in 1850; licensed by Georgia Presbytery April 14, 1850; ordained and installed pastor of Mt. Vernon church, Ga., July 20, 1851, removed to Palatka, Florida, November, 1855. He died and was buried there, March 29, 1858, aged thirty years, his tomb bearing this inscription: 'A grateful tribute to pastoral faithfulness. The trumpet of the watchman is still, but a new harp is strung in Heaven.'

21. Rev. John Fabian Baker

Son of John O. and Adeline (Fabian) Baker, and nephew of Dr. Daniel Baker, was born in Liberty county September 26, 1827; graduated at college of New Jersey in 1846; ordained evangelist by the Presbytery of Luzerne May 8, 1854, pastor-elect Scranton, Pa., 1854; Roswell, Ga., 1854-5; pastor-

elect Augusta, Ga., 1856; Midway, Liberty county, 1857; pastor at Hebron, Va., 1858 to 1861; Lexington, 1862-3; Holcombe's Rock, 1863-6; Jerseyville, Illinois, 1866-71; Monroe City, 1872-6; Ashley, 1876-9; Hickory Plains, Ark., 1879-85. After thirty-one years in the ministry, died at Austin, Ark., May 9, 1855, leaving two sons, ministers, Rev. William Baker, pastor of Mineral Hill, Texas, and Rev. Adolphe Baker, pastor of church at Sykesville, Maryland.

22. Rev. William Elliott Baker

Son of John O. and Adeline Baker, brother of the above, their father, grandfather and great grandfather, all being successively deacons in Midway church; was born in Liberty county Feb. 20, 1830; graduated at Princeton, N.J., 1850, being the valedictorian of a class of eighty-four students; spent one year at Columbia Seminary (1851); graduated at Princeton Seminary in 1853; licensed by Luzerne Presbytery in 1852; ordained by West Jersey Presbytery in Bridgeton, N.J., May 18, 1853; pastor at Bridgeton (Second Church) from 1853 to 1855; stated supply and established the church in Sacramento, California, 1856-7; pastor at Staunton, Va., from 1857 to 1884 (twenty-seven years); stated supply Roswell, Ga., from 1890 to the present.

23. Rev. John Baker

The son of William Baker, and nephew of Dr. Daniel Baker, and a licentiate of the Methodist church, was received into Midway church November 20, 1831; relicensed by Georgia Presbytery Nov. 26, 1831; dismissed to Hopewell Presbytery March 30, 1833; ordained by the same at Decatur, Ga., April 2, 1833; minister at Hopewell church, near Perry, Ga., and after a brief ministry of three years, died in 1834.

24. Rev. James Stacy, D.D.

The son of John W. and Mary (Bacon) Stacy, was born in Liberty county June 2, 1830, and 'born again' on Monday night November 3, 1845; received into Midway church November 15 of the same year; graduated at Oglethorpe College November 14, 1849, and at Columbia Seminary May, 1852; licensed by Georgia Presbytery at Flemington August 1, 1852; ordained by same in Savannah October 30, 1853; minister at Lumpkin and Cuthbert, 1853; at Eufaula, Ala., 1854; at West Point, Long Cane, and Ebenezer, 1855 and 1856; pastor at Newnan since January, 1857, now forty-one years, and at same time, in connection with the pastorate supplying the church at West Point in 1857; White Oak, now Turin, from 1858 to 1898; Yellow Dirt, 1865 and 1866; Hogansville, 1867 to 1880; Carrollton January, 1881 to July, 1888, and Palmetto, from 1890 to 1898; stated clerk of the Presbytery of Atlanta since 1866, and of the Synod of Georgia since 1876. Thirty-one years in the clerkship of the one and twenty-one years in the other (his father having been clerk of Midway church for thirty years, and his grand-father, twenty years before him); president of the board of directors of the Columbia Seminary from 1887 to 1897; chairman of permanent committee on the Sabbath of the General Assembly since 1878. Author of 'Prize Essay on the Sabbath,' 'Day of Rest,' 'Water Baptism,' and writer of this history.

25. Rev. George Whitfield Ladson

Son of William and Cynthia Ladson, his father a member of Midway church; was born at Bethesda, near Savannah, June 10, 1830; was named George Whitfield at the request of his father, who died two months before his birth, after the celebrated Whitfield, the founder of Bethesda Orphanage, and of

whom he was a great admirer; His mother removing to Savannah, he was baptized by Dr. Preston, pastor of the Independent church. His mother dying when he was only four years old, he was taken into the family of his uncle, Mr. John Dunwoody, of Liberty county, who was a deacon in Midway church, and to whose care and family he said he 'owed everything.' He removed with his uncle to Roswell, Ga., June 29, 1851; he connected himself with the First church of Savannah, under the pastoral care of Rev. John B. Ross, to which place he had removed; graduated at Oglethorpe in 1859, and at Columbia Seminary May, 1862; licensed by Georgia Presbytery April 14, 1861, and ordained by the same April 30, 1862; labored successfully among the colored people at Columbia, S.C., from 1861 till his death, July 4, 1864. The colored people of his charge asked permission to bear all the expenses of his funeral, buying a lot in Elmwood cemetery, and erecting a monument at their own cost. 'Ladson Chapel,' erected in Columbia, was also named in token of their high appreciation of his services.

26. Rev. Robert Quarterman Mallard, D. D.

Son of Thomas and Rebecca (Burnley) Mallard, was born at Walthourville, Liberty county September 7, 1830; received into Midway church May 15, 1852; graduated at Athens in 1853, and at Columbia Seminary in 1855; licensed by Georgia Presbytery April 14, 1855; ordained by the same April 13, 1856; pastor of Walthourville church 1856 to 1863; of Central church, Atlanta, 1863 to 1866; of Prytania street church, New Orleans, from 1866 to 1877; of Napoleon avenue, New Orleans, from 1895; editor of the Southwestern Presbyterian, since 1892, and moderator of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly at Memphis, Tenn., in 1896.¹

27. Rev. Samuel Edward Axson

Son of Dr. I. S. K. and Rebecca (Randolph) Axson, was born in Liberty county December 23, 1836, his father at the time being co-pastor of Midway church with Rev. Robert Quarterman. He was received into Midway church November 18, 1854; graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1855, and at Columbia Seminary in the class of 1858; licensed the same year by Charleston Presbytery; city missionary at Augusta, Ga., till fall, when ordained and installed as pastor at Beech island, where he remained for two years; installed at McPhersonville, S.C., in 1861; chaplain in Confederate army for two years, 1862 and 1863; pastor at Madison, Ga., in 1864; pastor at Rome, Ga., from the close of 1865 to 1883; died at Milledgeville, Ga., May 28, 1884; buried at Savannah.

28. Rev. James Smith Cosby, D.D.

Son of Rev. James C. and Hannah (Randolph) Cosby, was born at St. Marys, Ga., September 1, 1837; losing his father when not quite two months old - he was reared in Liberty county in the family of Mr. Nathaniel Varnedoe, a deacon of Midway church, who had married his widowed mother. He was received into Midway church February 20, 1859;

1. Dr. Mallard was taken prisoner at Walthourville Dec. 14, 1865, where he was temporarily stopping, and kept with other prisoners in pens on the Ogeechee. After the fall of Savannah, he was carried into the city, and for awhile imprisoned in a cotton warehouse on Bay street; was entertained for about three months at the home of Dr. Axson, as paroled prisoner, before being finally released.

graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1857, and at Columbia Seminary in the class of 1862; received by Georgia Presbytery as a licentiate from Charleston Presbytery November 10, 1864; ordained by the same November 13, at the same meeting; for eighteen months taught school and supplied the church at Bryan Neck; then served as chaplain in the Confederate army till the close of the war, after which he taught school in Savannah for one year; called to Cuthbert church February, 1868, which he served till 1873; then became pastor of Mt. Zion church, Sumter county, S.C., remaining there fourteen years; became pastor of the Aveleigh church, Newberry, S.C., serving the same till his death. He died at Clarksville, Ga., September 10, 1894, leaving two daughters and two sons, both studying for the ministry.

29. Rev. Robert Quarterman Baker

Son of William Q. and Anna Lydia (Mallard) Baker, born in Liberty county January 18, 1838; graduated at Oglethorpe College in 1857; received into Midway church April 26, 1867;¹ licensed by Savannah Presbytery April 9, 1871; ordained by the same at St. Marys April 14, 1872; pastor at St. Marys, 1871 to 1878; taught school at the Ridge, near Darien, 1879 and 1880; supply at Dorchester, Liberty county, 1880 - teaching school at the same time; taking charge of the Euchee Valley, Fla., church in 1882, and in connection therewith supplying Freeport, La., in 1881; DeFuniak, 1886, and DeFuniak and Magnolia from 1888 to the present time; and for some time superintendent of public schools for Walton county, Florida.

1. The last white person received into the old church.

30. Rev. John Gordon Law

The son of Dr. John S. Law, grandson of Benjamin Law, and nephew of Judge William Law, of Liberty county, was born in Columbia, Tenn., September 14, 1839; his father leaving Liberty county, practiced medicine awhile in Forsyth, Ga.; afterwards removed to Columbia, Tenn., where he became ruling elder; his mother was Sarah Gordon, the aunt of Gen. John B. Gordon. At the outbreak of the war he was a student of medicine at Memphis; enlisted in the 154th Tennessee Regiment - wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and served as private till the battle of Chickamauga, when appointed adjutant of the 38th Georgia Regiment; captured at Spottsylvania May 13, and remained prisoner of war in Fort Delaware until the end of war; entered the Columbia Seminary and graduated in 1870; licensed by Presbytery of Memphis June 10, 1869, and spent the summer in missionary work in Paducah Presbytery; married that year; after completing the course at Columbia, went abroad, spending a winter at the University of Edinburgh, and part of the following winter at the Assembly's college in Belfast, Ireland; returning to America in 1872, accepted the call to Walhalla, S.C., where he was ordained by the Presbytery of South Carolina September 23, 1873; on account of failing health of his wife, resigned his charge at Walhalla in 1876, and again went abroad, returning in 1878, and doing evangelistic work until January 1, 1879, when he accepted an invitation to supply the Circular church of Charleston, which place he filled until May, 1879, when he became pastor of the church at Darlington, S.C., where he remained until October 1st, when he accepted a call to his present charge, at Ocala, Fla.

31. Rev. Nathaniel Pratt Quarterman

Son of Rev. Robert Quarterman, pastor of Midway church, and brother of Rev. John Winn and Joseph Melanchton Quarterman; was born at Flemington, Liberty county, September 30, 1839; graduated at Oglethorpe College July, 1860; entered the Columbia Seminary that fall, but only remained until the winter of 1861, when he went into service as a private soldier in the spring of 1862; was licensed at Flemington November 13, 1863, and preached during the war, when not otherwise on duty; was ordained at Flemington April 8, 1866; after the close of the war commenced preaching at Walthourville July, 1865, and upon the removal of Mr. Buttolph from Flemington in October, 1867, gave one-half of his time to that place, beginning October, 1867, and so continuing until February 15, 1870, when the pastoral relation was dissolved, and he went to Savannah to take charge of a mission church under the care of the Independent Presbyterian church; left there for Thomasville, Ga., in April, 1873, where he labored until April 1877, when he removed to Quincy, Fla., where he has remained preaching acceptably ever since, now twenty-one years.

32. Rev. Caesar Augustus Baker

Son of W. Q. and Anna Lydia (Mallard) Baker, was born in Liberty county October 29, 1839; received into the church at Walthourville July 10, 1858; graduated at Oglethorpe college in June, 1859, sharing the first honor; spent one year (1860) in Columbia Seminary; licensed by East Alabama Presbytery September 25, 1862, and ordained by the same a short while afterwards; supplied Pea River church 1862-6; pastor of Lowndesboro and Good Hope 1866-70; supplied Opelika and New Harmony churches for a short time; minister at Tallahassee,

Florida, 1870; pastor at Opelika from 1871 to 1885; pastor Opelika and Auburn 1886-93. He died at Opelika, Alabama, August 7, 1893.

33. Rev. John Way Quarterman

Son of Edward Quarterman, deacon of Midway church, and grandson of Rev. Robert Quarterman, the pastor, was born in Jonesville, one of the summer retreats of Liberty county, March 18, 1841; received into Midway church May 22, 1858; licensed by Georgia Presbytery March 21, 1868; supplied Mineral Spring 1868-9; Waynesville and Brunswick, 1869; Waynesville and Darien, 1870; ordained by Savannah Presbytery April 9, 1871; pastor at Darien 1871-3; Mt. Vernon 1875; stated supply and teacher at Blackshear and Waynesville 1875-79; teacher and supply at Waycross, Waynesville and Hazlehurst 1880-3; organized a church in Worth county in December, 1885; supplied Poulan, St. Marys', King's Ferry, and Marlow 1886-94; discontinued Marlow in 1892; supplied Hazlehurst and Ebenezer, in McIntosh county, in 1894, and Marlow in 1895; Pooler and Statesboro 1895; elected stated clerk of Savannah Presbytery April 10, 1890, which position he still holds.

34. Rev. Benjamin Lazarus Baker

Son of W. Q. and Anna Lydia (Mallard) Baker, and a brother of Rev. R. Q. and C. A. Baker; was born in Liberty county January 8, 1843; received into the church at Walthourville October 8, 1859; graduated at Columbia Seminary May, 1869; licensed at Jacksonville, by Florida Presbytery, October, 1868; supplied Palatka 1869; ordained by Bethel Presbytery at Unionville, South Carolina, June, 1870, and installed pastor at said place; removed to Monticello in January, 1871, and installed pastor the same year, where he still resides.

35. Rev. William LeConte

Son of Louis LeConte, a native of Liberty county and member of Midway church, and regular descendant of the LeContes and Quartermans; was born in Savannah Feb. 17, 1846; his father dying when he was six years old, he removed to Washington, D.C., where he lived till 1858; then six years in Europe, where he was baptized in Brussels by Rev. Mr. Arnet, of the Evangelical church; on his return received into the First Presbyterian church, of Augusta, Ga.; graduated at South Carolina college, and at Columbia Seminary in 1872; licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Athens in April, and ordained at Gainesville in September of the same year; labored that summer in Clarksville, and sailed to Brazil as missionary in the winter of 1872-3; one year at Campinas; one year and more at Pernambuco; returned in 1876, and died on November 4th, at his mother's home in Washington, D. C., and was buried in that city.

36. Rev. Thomas Clay Winn

Son of Rev. John and Mary (Brown) Winn, was born at Flemington, Liberty county, June 29, 1851; licensed at Henry, Illinois, in 1874; ordained at Princeville, Illinois, in 1877, his father delivering the charge; married in the fall and went as missionary to Kanagawo, Japan, he being the first missionary to leave the treaty ports and go into the interior; a pioneer missionary in those parts, where now they have two good churches, about two hundred members and a large boys and girls school, with comfortable buildings for each.

37. Rev. Chalmers Fraser

Son of Rev. Dr. Donald and Valeria (Cassels) Fraser, of Liberty county, was born at Jacksonville,

Florida, September 28, 1856, his father being pastor there at the time; licensed by Atlanta Presbytery October 10, 1887; ordained by Cherokee Presbytery April 27, 1888; supplied Ringgold, Georgia, 1887-8; pastor Olivet and McConnelsville, South Carolina, 1889-91; pastor of Georgia Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., 1891, and where he is still laboring.

38. Rev. David Fraser Sheppard

Son of David and Marion (Fraser) Sheppard and nephew of Dr. Donald Fraser; was born in Liberty county, May 9, 1859; received into Flemington church June 18, 1882; graduated at Davidson college in 1886 and at Columbia Seminary in 1889; licensed at Hazlehurst, by Savannah Presbytery, November 10, 1889; transferred to Mecklenburg Presbytery April 10, 1890; ordained by the same May 27th, and became pastor of the Swannanoa church, North Carolina, 1890-1. On account of impaired health, he has had no regular charge since.

39. Rev. Abbott L. R. Waite

Son of Rev. James T. Waite, for so long pastor of Midway church (colored); was born in Salisbury, Maryland, May 7, 1860; reared in Liberty county; received into the Dorchester church, a branch of Midway, in 1879; graduated at Princeton Seminary in 1888; ordained by Huntington Presbytery in June of the same year; was one year pastor of Beulah church, of that Presbytery; Oct., 1889, took charge of Chillisguage and Mooresbury churches, of Northumberland Presbytery; October 15, 1891, installed pastor of Woodstock Presbyterian church, New York City, where he still resides.

40. Rev. Louis Theodore Way

Son of Rev. R. Q. and Susan (Quarterman) Way, missionaries to China; was born at Jonesville, one of the Midway retreats, May 20, 1866; licensed by Savannah Presbytery at Blackshear April 12, 1889; ordained by the same at Waycross May 19, 1892; supplied Bryan Neck, pastor Mt. Zion and Bushy Park for six months, ending December 31, 1892, preaching to Bryan Neck, Marlow, and Pooler from 1892-5, and Bryan Neck and Dorchester since 1896.

41. Rev. Edgar William Way

Son of Edgar and Almira (Spencer) Way, regular descendant of the early settlers of Midway church; was born in Savannah, Georgia, April 12, 1869, his father being teacher in the public schools; licensed by Savannah Presbytery July 10, 1891; ordained by the same December 1, 1891; pastor of the Walthourville church from December, 1891, to April, 1895, and pastor at Gainesville, Florida, from 1895 to the present time.

42. Rev. Timothy Dwight Witherspoon D.D.

The grandson of Paul Fulton, who was born in Liberty county, in the Midway settlement, in the year 1776; dedicated to God in baptism September 13th of the same year, and received into full membership in Midway church December 23, 1798; and great grandson of Paul Fulton, sr., who had married Sarah Osgood August 9, 1768; was born in Greensboro, Alabama, January 17, 1836. Mr. Paul Fulton, the grandfather of Dr. Witherspoon, removed in early manhood to South Carolina, where he married Martha Montgomery Armstrong in 1804; afterwards removed to Maury county, Tennessee, and later on,

with a colony, to Hale county, Alabama, where he became an elder in Mt. Zion church, and so remained till his death, and where many of his descendants still reside. While in Tennessee, his daughter, Sarah Agnes, was born unto him March 31, 1811, who afterwards married Robert Franklin Witherspoon, born in South Carolina June 23, 1797; their son, Timothy Dwight, being born unto them at the time and place above indicated. After graduating at the University of Mississippi in 1856, and Columbia Seminary in 1859, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Chickasaw June 6, 1859, and ordained by the same Presbytery in May, 1860, and became pastor of the church at Oxford, Mississippi, from April, 1861, to April, 1865; private in the Confederate service for one year, and chaplain during the remainder of the war; minister of the Second Presbyterian church, Memphis, 1865-70; pastor of Christianburg, Virginia, August 1870-1; chaplain of the University of Virginia for two years, July, 1871-3; pastor Tabb Street church, Petersburg, Virginia, for nine years, from 1873 to 1882; pastor First Church, Louisville, Kentucky, nine years, September, 1882-91; professor of Bible in Central University for two years, in connection with the pastorate of the church. At the organization of Louisville Seminary he was made professor of Biblical Instruction, Homiletics, and Pastoral Theology, which position he still holds.

43. Rev. Winn David Hedleston

William Fulton, the son of Paul Fulton, married four times. Among other children, there was a daughter, Martha, who married W. D. Hedleston, of Greene county, Alabama. Their son, Winn David (named Winn after Rev. Thos. S. Winn, of Liberty county, their pastor); became a minister, and is now pastor of the church at Oxford, Miss., a gifted and promising young minister.

Another, and youngest son of William Fulton, and grandson of the above Paul Fulton, is Robert Burwell Fulton, who is now the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

44. Rev. Madison Wilson Frierson

45. Rev. William Vincent Frierson, Jr.

Adeline, the daughter of Paul Fulton, married Rev. William Vincent Frierson, one of the pioneers of Chickasaw Presbytery, Mississippi, and had two sons as above; and the elder, Rev. Madison Wilson Frierson, was chaplain in the Confederate army, and died of disease contracted in the camp. The other son, Rev. William Vincent Frierson, jr., is now pastor of two churches in Pontotoc county Mississippi.

46. Rev. John C. McMullen

Leonora Fulton, the daughter of Paul Fulton, married Rev. James P. McMullen, pastor of Mt. Zion church, of which her father was founder, and had two sons. One, William McMullen, fell in battle, a student for the ministry, and soldier in the Confederate army. The other and younger son, Rev. John C. McMullen, is now in the ministry and pastor at Midway, Ky.

How wonderful the history of this man Paul Fulton - born in the Midway settlement, consecrated at her sacred altars in infancy, himself an elder and superintendent of the Sabbath school of the Mt. Zion church till his death about 1835. Four of his sons elders, three of his daughters ministers' wives, one of his grandsons professor in a theological seminary, another a chancellor of the university of a great State, two other grandsons in the ministry, and a

great grandson a minister. How wonderfully blessed. And likewise what a blessing to the world.

47. Rev. Robert Iverson

The fourth son of Robert Iverson, a member of Midway church, and his third wife, Margaret J. Harris, and a half brother of Senator Alfred Iverson, was born about 1814 or 1815 in Burke county, to which his father had removed; he was licensed by Flint River Presbytery at Decatur, Ga., October, 1843; dismissed to the East Alabama Presbytery, and died towards the close of 1850, as the Presbytery at its meeting at Jacksonville in April, 1851, makes mention of his death and adopted resolutions expressive of their grief at his death and paying a tribute to his character.

48. Rev. William Steele Baker

Son of Rev. John F. and Phebe (Steele) Baker, was born in Rockbridge county, Va.; studied at Batesville, Ark., and received his theological training at Austin, Tex.; was licensed in 1889 by the Presbytery of Arkansas; ordained by the same in 1892; minister at Black Rock and Powhatan from 1889 to 1893; pastor at Hico, Tex., three years, and at Nazareth church two years, and at Mineral Wells, in same State, since November 15, 1897.

49. Rev. Adolphe Elhart Baker

Brother of the above, was born at Jerseyville, Illinois, May 13, 1871; received the degree of B.A. at Johns Hopkins University in the spring of 1894; graduated at Union Seminary May, 1897; licensed by Maryland Presbytery at Baltimore, June 14, 1897, and ordained and installed by the same, pastor of the old Springfield church at Sykesville, Maryland, October 17, 1897.

50. William Edward Screven

To the above list may be added this name, though only a student. He was the grandson of Gen. James Screven, who was killed at Midway in 1788, and son of Rev. Charles O. Screven, a baptist minister.¹ He was born at Sunbury, Liberty county, August 31, 1823; joined the Baptist church at Sunbury, but afterwards was received into the Presbyterian church at Columbia, South Carolina; spent one term in the Seminary there; on account of impaired health, returned home in 1845; a stroke of lightning, in 1849, disqualified him from any further prosecution of his studies; wrote a book on the relations of Christianity to poetry and philosophy, dedicated to Dr. Howe. He died February 12, 1860, in the twenty-sixth year of his age.

1. Rev. Charles O. Screven was twice married. First, to Mrs. Lucy Barnard Jones, the mother of Rev. James O. Screven, and second, to Miss Barbara Golphin, the mother of William Edward Screven.

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Before giving the list of ministers of other denominations that have gone out from the Midway community, it is proper to state that those whose names we give were, generally, the regular descendants of one or more of the earlier settlers, and were all more or less identified with the old church, either from matrimonial alliances or daily associations, many of them being brought up under her influence and tutelage, attending her schools, and conjointly worshipping in her congregations. To understand the situation, we have only to remember that for the space of fifty four years, from 1752 to 1806, when the first Baptist church was organized,¹ the Midway church was the only church in the whole county, and that her people during that long time had the exclusive control of a scope of country, though sparsely populated, of some twenty miles in extent. The Baptist and Methodist churches afterwards organized, being upon the outskirts, were comparatively weak and were largely dependent upon their stronger neighbor, who had preoccupied the ground, for materials of membership as well as association and training. Hence we find several of their names on the church registry of marriages, births and deaths. We even find the names of some of them among the list of subscribers to the articles of incorporation, thus taking pews and supporting the church. As the result of all this the greatest neighborly feeling and association existed. As evidence of this I need only quote the record. We find as early as October 31, 1802, that 'Mr. Charles O. Screven, minister of the gospel at Sunbury (of the Baptist

1. The Methodist church was not organized in the county until about twenty years afterwards.

church) joined with us in the ordinance of the Lord's supper and also preached in the afternoon;¹ and also mention the additional fact that later on Rev. Josiah S. Law, of the Baptist church, and Rev. Edward Q. Andrews, of the Methodist church, were employed by the executors of the Lambert estate, (said executors being all members of Midway church) the one to preach to the colored people and the other a supply to the whites, and both preaching with acceptance to both white and colored. I do not remember anything like the exhibition of prejudice on the part of the people toward either. The same appears in the willingness of the Midway people, who were near, to tent at the Methodist camp meetings held in the upper part of the county; and from the additional fact that so many of them, both preacher and people, from the different denominations lie side by side in the old graveyard. These all show not only the great liberality of this people towards the other denominations, but also the training influence they must have exerted over them. It is impossible to see how these others could have grown up in the midst of this people, a people of such intelligence and refinement and such decidedly religious convictions and impulses, without imperceptibly imbibing some of their principles and made partakers to a great extent of their spiritual life.

With this explanation I place the following in the list of those who have gone out from the Midway people, though in connection with other denominations:

1. Public Records, P. 55.

BAPTIST MINISTERS WHO HAVE GONE OUT FROM THE MIDWAY COMMUNITY

1. Rev. Samuel Spry Law

The records of Midway church show that Joseph Law and Elizabeth Spry were married in July, 1774. Their son, Samuel Spry, was born to them in Liberty county June 2, 1775, and baptized April 29, 1787. He was the first captain of the Liberty county Independent Troup, and afterwards major of the squadron of the first regiment. He was for a time clerk of the Congregational church at Sunbury, a branch of the Midway church, as appears from a letter addressed in 1811, by the Baptist church of that place to Captain J. S. Law.¹ He appears also to have studied the Shorter Catechisms. "When under conviction," said he, "the question suggested itself to my mind 'what are considered the effectual means of salvation?' 'God maketh the reading but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of salvation.'"² Thus using the language of the catechism, and showing his familiarity with it. He connected himself with the Baptist church April 30, 1815, when forty years of age. He was ordained at Sunbury December 27, 1827, and after ten years of faithful labor, chiefly among the colored people, died February 4, 1837, and was buried at Sunbury.

2. Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn³

Was the son of Peter and Ann (Sumner) Winn. His parents were members of the Midway church. His father was a deacon of the church at

1. Campbell's History, P. 113.

2. Campbell's History P. 114.

3. Also a Presbyterian minister by this name.

the time of his birth, and had been for twenty-six years, from 1798 to 1824; and after this long service became a Baptist. His son, Thomas Sumner, was born at Sunbury July 16, 1792; dedicated unto the Lord by baptism July 22nd of the same year; was usher to Dr. McWhir in Sunbury Academy in his 17th year; was ordained pastor of North Newport church, and died January 27, 1819, in his twenty-seventh year. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Murdoch Murphy, pastor of Midway church, and published by the community. He was a young minister of great promise. The following is the description of his physique given by Mr. Murphy in his discourse:

'His stature was above the middle size, lean and muscular; his complexion sallow rather than florid, black haired, of a large forehead, prominent nose, blue eyes, interstreaked with grey, deep set, quick and penetrating, under large dark eyebrows. His temperament was a mixture of the sanguine, with the melancholic. His voice was harmonious and his ear exquisitely attuned to music. No man, though a stranger, could look in his face and hold him in contempt.'

3. Rev. Joseph Stevens Baker, M.D.

The son of William Baker, deacon of Midway church, and Ann (Stevens) Baker, and half brother of Dr. Daniel Baker, the evangelist; was born in Liberty county August 17, 1798, and dedicated to the Lord in baptism October 14th following; 'joined the Presbyterian church when young,'¹ and afterwards the Baptist church; filled the various positions, first, as physician, then colporteur, editor, minister. Died at Quitman, Ga., July 28, 1877.

1. Baptist History, Biographical Sketches, P. 18.

4. Rev. Josiah Spry Law

The son of Rev. Samuel Spry and Rebecca (Hughes) Law, was born in Sunbury, Liberty county, February 5, 1808; taught school with Rev. James Shannon at Augusta, Ga., in 1827, where he connected himself with the Baptist church; was ordained at Sunbury December, 1830; pastor of Sunbury church; afterwards, of North and South Newport churches, and later on was one of the ministers employed by the executors of the Lambert estate, to the colored people, among whom he faithfully labored. He died October 4, 1853, and was buried at Sunbury. A monument was erected to his memory at Newport church.

5. Rev. Patrick Hughes Mell, D.D., LL.D.

The son of Benjamin and Cynthia (Sumner) Mell, was born at Walthourville, Liberty county, July 19, 1814. His grandfather, Thomas Sumner, on his mother's side, married first, Sarah Quarterman, the granddaughter of the Rev. John Osgood, but he himself was the descendant of a second wife, viz.: Anna Baker. His mother being a member and his father a supporter of Midway church, he was dedicated to the Lord in baptism soon after his birth in 1814; was received into the Baptist church and immersed by Rev. Samuel S. Law at Newport church, in 1832; ordained November 19, 1842; professor of ancient languages at Mercer University, from 1842 to November, 1855, when he was transferred to Athens, and became professor in the State University from 1856 to 1860, when he was made Chancellor, which position he occupied till his death; was for a number of years moderator of the Southern Baptist Convention, to which he was annually chosen. In connection with his educational work was pastor of churches at various places; author of several works, among them one on 'Baptism,' another on 'Parlia-

mentary Practice,' 'Philosophy of Prayer,' 'Church Discipline,' and 'Church Polity.' He died at Athens Jan. 26, 1888, and among others, leaving a son, P. H. Mell, jr., professor in the State Military Institute, Auburn, Alabama.

6. Rev. Edward Abiel Stevens, D.D.

The son of Oliver and Eliza (Winn) Stevens, who were members of Midway church at the time of his birth, but afterwards became Baptists; was born in Liberty county Jan. 24, 1814; dedicated to the Lord in baptism March 6th, following; immersed in November, 1827; graduated at Brown University in 1833, and Newton Seminary in 1836; ordained a missionary to Burmah in 1836, where he remained till his death June 19, 1886, after fifty years of missionary work, and was buried at Rangoon, Burmah. He was the first Baptist foreign missionary from the South.

7. Rev. Augustus Octavius Bacon

Son of Thomas and Sarah (Holcombe) Bacon and grandson of Thomas and Catherine Bacon, members of Midway church; was born in Liberty county January 17, 1816; educated at Walthourville; entered the University at Athens in 1834 and Columbia Seminary in 1836; licensed July, 1838; ordained January 13, 1839, as co-pastor with Rev. Josiah S. Law, of North Newport church; married Mary Louisa Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, of Midway church. He died July 3, 1839. He and his wife lie buried side by side in the Midway graveyard. He was the father of Hon. Augustus O. Bacon, United States Senator.

8. Rev. Adam Tunno Holmes, D.D.

Son of James Holmes, a wealthy planter

near Sunbury, and one of the signers of the articles of incorporation; was born in Sunbury about the year 1803. His mother was Mary Kell, the aunt of General J. M. Kell; for more than forty years in the ministry, filling different places, such as Forsyth, Macon, two churches in Houston county; president of Baptist college at Cuthbert and afterwards of Central Institute in Alabama. He died in Atlanta September 29, 1870. He had a brother, Isaac, captain in the Mexican war, from Macon, who died in Mexico.

9. Jacob H. Dunham

The grandson of William and Mary Dunham, early settlers in St. John's parish and members of Midway church, was born in McIntosh county February 26, 1774; removed to Liberty county and became a faithful minister of the Baptist church, and for ten years missionary of the Sunbury Baptist Association. His work was chiefly among the colored people and in the upper and more destitute portions of the county. He died September 25, 1832.

10. Rev. Charles Odingsell Screven, D.D.

The son of Gen. James Screven, who was killed near Midway church, was born in 1774. His mother was Mary (Esther) Odingsell, and sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, the widow of Rev. Moses Allen, one of the pastors of Midway church. He was ordained May 29, 1801, and was the founder and first pastor of the Baptist church at Sunbury in 1806. He died of cancer, in New York, in July, 1830, aged fifty-seven years.

11. James Odingsell Screven

Son of the above, born in Savannah, and reared there till seventeen years old; then taken to

Sunbury till prepared for college; joined the Baptist church at Sunbury in 1828; entered the ministry of that church; commenced preaching to negroes in Bryan county; removed to LaGrange in 1850; was made agent of Domestic Missionary Board. He died in May, 1864.

12. Rev. Jesse H. Campbell, D.D.

William and Mary Dunham were early settlers of St. John's parish and members of Midway church; the former received November 30, 1760, and the latter, June 26, 1756. Among their children, who were usually consecrated to the Lord in baptism, as the records show, was a son, John, who removed to McIntosh county, where he married and reared a family. Among his children were Rev. Jacob H. Dunham and a daughter, who married Jesse Campbell, the father of the above. The subject of this sketch was born in McIntosh county Feb. 10, 1807. On his paternal side, his father, of the same name, could trace his lineage in a direct line to the Scottish clan of Campbell.¹ He was educated at Sunbury, where he connected himself with the Baptist church, and where he was also ordained in 1830, and became a minister of prominence in his denomination, filling at different times important places in the state. He died at Columbus April 16, 1788, leaving two sons prominent ministers in that denomination, Rev. Messrs. Abner B. and Charles D. Campbell.

13. Rev. Carlos Stevens

Son of Oliver and Eliza (Winn) Stevens and brother of Dr. Edward A. and Rev. Henry J. Stevens, was born at Sunbury, Liberty county, September 30, 1823. After two years at Athens college, taught

1. Cathcart's Baptist Encyclopedia.

school for several years, the writer being a pupil for awhile; graduated at Mercer in the department of Theology in 1848; was pastor at Sparta, Ga., where he died October 31, 1866. He was a man of amiable disposition, and was greatly beloved. The writer takes pleasure in adding his testimony to that of others in certifying to his worth and excellency.

14. Henry J. Stevens

Son of Oliver and Eliza (Winn) Stevens, a brother of Dr. Edward A. and Rev. Carlos Stevens, was born in Liberty county; entered the ministry of the Baptist church, having received his education at Newton Seminary, Massachusetts; preached first at Robertville, South Carolina. He died at Walthourville October 10, 1854, at the time being pastor of Sunbury and Newport churches, and was buried at Midway.

15. Rev. William B. Bennett

Son of Mathew and Sarah (Spencer) Bennett, his mother a member of Midway church and his father a signer of the articles of incorporation of the church; was born in Liberty county October 19, 1827; dedicated in infancy unto the Lord; practiced law for a number of years at Lumpkin, Ga.; was ordained at Quitman, Ga., in 1874, where he still lives, filling the position of Judge of the County court, and supplying the destitute and feeblar churches within reach.

16. Rev. John Lake

Rev. John Lake was born in Edgefield county, South Carolina, June 11, 1870. His father, Captain George B. Lake, was a native of the same county. His mother, Rosa Florence Jones, the

daughter of Moses L. and Saccharissa (Axson) Jones; her parents and grandparents all members of Midway church. The subject of this notice was educated at Military Academy in Charleston; entered the work of the Young Men's Christian Association; became a special student in Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) while acting as secretary of the Association in that place; in 1890 organized the Edgefield County Young Men's Christian Association work, the first permanent county work in the world; in 1893 organized a 'County Training School' for secretaries; as a further adjunct, in 1894, started a newspaper called 'This Way,' which has since become the official organ of the Young Men's Christian Association work for several states; in the meanwhile becoming ordained to the Baptist ministry, and is now serving several town and country churches, making a specialty, however, in endeavoring to develop in Christian work the young men of these small places, to which he feels especially set apart.

17. Rev. Charles S. Gaulden

Son of Rev. Jonathan Gaulden and grandson, I presume, of Jack Gaulden, one of the signers of the articles of incorporation, was born in Liberty county May 5, 1812, and ordained in Lumpkin, Ga., to which place he had removed and where he had been practicing law.

18. Rev. William Butler

The son of Jesse and Margaret (Cassels) Butler, the sister of Rev. Samuel J. Cassels, was born at Flemington, Liberty county, and for a number of years has been a minister in the Baptist church, and is now living near Jesup.

19. Rev. Jere Baker

To the above list this name might also be added. Concerning Mr. Baker, familiarly known as 'Uncle Jere,' the writer knows very little. I only remember seeing him once at Midway church. He preached in the lower part of the county, about Sunbury and Dorchester, somewhere during the years between 1840 and 1845.

METHODIST MINISTERS WHO HAVE GONE OUT
FROM MIDWAY CHURCH

1. Rev. John Andrew

Son of James and Esther Andrew, original settlers, and members of the Midway church, was born in Liberty county September 14, 1758, and baptized October 14th following. His father, James Andrew, was clerk of the Midway church for five years, from 1766 to 1771. His father died December 5, 1770, and his mother July 6, 1773, and he being left, a lad of fifteen years old. The war of the Revolution coming on, he entered the army till its close. The coast being all desolated at the close of the war, he removed to what is now known as Columbia, and where he joined the Methodist church and also entered the ministry of that church. For awhile he located and taught school. He died in 1830, and was buried in Oconee county, about one mile north of Farmington. He was the first native born Methodist minister, of the traveling connection, in the state.

2. Bishop James Osgood Andrew

Son of the above, and grandson of James Andrew, one of the original settlers, and for a number of years clerk of the church, was born near Washington, in Wilkes county, May 3, 1794. His father named him James Osgood after Rev. John Osgood, his father's pastor, while he lived in Liberty county. He was licensed to preach in 1812 and received into the itineracy by the conference held in Charleston, South Carolina, the winter of that year, being then only nineteen years of age. At the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Philadelphia in 1832, was elected and ordained Bishop, was requested by the General Conference at New York in 1843, by a vote of one hundred and eleven to sixty-nine, to desist from performing the official functions of his office because his wife was the owner of a few slaves. At the meeting of the Southern Delegates at Louisville, Kentucky, May 1, 1845, Bishop Andrew presided; and at the organization of the Southern church at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1846, he was reinstated and continued Bishop until his death, which occurred at Mobile, Alabama, March 1, 1871.

He always felt an interest in the home of his ancestor. In passing through Liberty county once, he went to the graveyard and knelt near the graves of his grandparents and their pastor, and lifted up his soul in prayer to God.

He was the first Georgian who had ever been elevated to the position of Bishop, as his father had been the first Georgian who became a traveling preacher in that church. Rev. George J. Smith, in his history of Methodism, says of him:

'His son, bearing his name, grandson,

W. P. Lovett, Foster son, Alex. M. Wynn, all followed him in the work of the ministry.¹ 'All Methodism,' says the writer just quoted, 'owes a debt to James O. Andrew, all Southern Methodism an especial one.'²

3. Rev. William Henry Cassels

The son of Elias and Sarah (Jones) Cassels, and brother of Rev. Samuel J. and Rev. John B. Cassels, was born in Liberty county, September 22, 1797; baptized October 8, 1797; afterwards became a Methodist minister and labored in the vicinity of Bainbridge, Georgia, and also in Gadsden, Leon, Jefferson, Madison, and Sevannee counties, Florida. He died September, 1857, and was buried in the Chester church graveyard in Decatur county, Ga.

4. Rev. Daniel McLachlan Stewart

Son of General Daniel Stewart, was born in Liberty county October 21, 1791, and was baptized December 4th following; removed to Florida, and in after life became a local minister in the Methodist church. The writer remembers hearing him preach at the Methodist camp meeting at Taylor's Creek, Liberty county, in 1843. He died at his home in Alachua county, Florida, in 1847, and was buried at 'Potosi,' the country home of the family, ten miles south of Newnansville.

5. Rev. Joseph Andrews

Son of Micajah and Ann (Quarterman) Andrews and grandson of Isham Andrews, one of the original settlers, was born in Liberty county June

1. Smith's History of Methodism, P. 281.

2. Idem, P. 284.

12, 1798, and was reared in the bosom of the church, being dedicated to the Lord in baptism July 22, 1798, and afterwards became a member and minister in the Methodist church. In after years he removed to Florida, where he died and was buried.

6. Rev. Edward Quarterman Andrews

Son of Micajah and Ann (Quarterman) Andrews and brother of the above, and grandson of Isham Andrews; his mother, Ann Quarterman, being a granddaughter of John Quarterman, sr., one of the original settlers, and all members of Midway church, was born in Liberty county March 31, 1800, and was baptized October 26th following. In after years he connected himself with the Methodist church, and became a local and useful minister, supplying destitute fields around; for several years was employed by the executors of the Lambert estate, as missionary to the colored people in Liberty county, and for awhile supplying at the same time the white people. He died May 19, 1880, leaving among other children, one son, Christopher Columbus, a licensed exhorter, and one daughter, Caroline, who became the wife of Rev. D. J. Myrick and the mother of Mr. Bascom Myrick, for so many years editor of the Americus Times Recorder.

7. Rev. Robert Quarterman Andrews

Brother of the above, was born in Liberty county March 23, 1805; baptized May 19th of the same year; received into Midway church August 28, 1825; afterwards, like his brother, connected himself with the Methodist church, and became a minister in the same. He died in Savannah and was buried at Olivet church, Liberty county. He left a son, Hartwell, likewise a minister in the same church.

8. Rev. Hansford Andrews

Son of Rev. Joseph and Dorcas (Shave) Andrews, was born in Liberty county October 12, 1821. He joined the Methodist church and became a minister until his death, May 6, 1893.

9. Rev. William Myddleton Quarterman

Son of Rev. Robert Quarterman, pastor of Midway church, and Margaret Esther Myddleton, was born in 1816, and baptized at Midway December 15, 1816. His mother was the second wife of his father, and he was therefore only half brother to the other sons, who were ministers, whose mother was Mary Jemima Way. He removed to Florida and connected himself with the Methodist church, and became a minister of the same, and died there.

10. Rev. Moses William Way

Son of Moses Way, a deacon in Midway church. His mother was Elizabeth Bacon, (aunt of the writer.) He was born in Liberty county in October, 1825, and reared up in the bosom of Midway church, until about sixteen years of age, when he entered the Methodist church and became a minister in the same; also a teacher till his death, which occurred at Taylor's Creek December 12, 1859. He was buried with his people in Midway cemetery.

11. Rev. Joseph Law

Son of Rev. Samuel Spry Law and brother of Rev. Josiah S. Law, Baptist minister, was born in Liberty county; graduated at the University of Georgia; entered upon the practice of law, and afterwards the ministry of the Methodist church, and died, after the war, at or near Bainbridge, Ga.

12. Rev. John Littleberry Hendry

Son of Littleberry Hendry and grandson of Robert Hendry, who was a member of Midway church, was born at Taylor's Creek, Liberty county, in 1854; connected himself with the Methodist church and entered the ministry of the same about 1882; removed to Texas, from whence he went as a missionary to China about 1890, and where he is still laboring.

13. Rev. John Sheppard

Son of David H. Sheppard and brother of Rev. David F. Sheppard; his mother, the daughter of Simon Fraser, and sister of Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser; was born in Liberty county; entered the ministry of the Methodist church, and died after a brief ministry.

EPISCOPAL MINISTERS

In addition to the names already given, I mention the following, in connection with the Episcopal church:

1. Rev. Thomas Goulding Pond

Son of Dr. Asa and Lucy (Goulding) Pond and grandson of Dr. Thomas Goulding, was born at Lexington, Georgia, January 31, 1827; removed with his parents to Columbus when quite a boy, where he lived and grew to manhood; graduated from Franklin college with second honor, in 1845; married Mary Cornelia Jones, daughter of William Jones, of Liberty county, July 14, 1853; taught school till the war, in which he served the whole four years; after the war he applied for orders in the Episcopal church, and was ordained by Bishop R. H. Wilmer

in Mobile, Alabama, in 1871. His first Parish was in Marion, Alabama; the next, in Albany, Georgia; the last five years of his life were spent as a missionary in northeast Georgia, at Gainesville, Clarksville, Tallulah Falls, and Mt. Airy; his home being in Mt. Airy, where he died March 24, 1894. He was buried at Albany, Georgia.

2. Rev. Henry Kollock Rees

So named after the celebrated minister, Dr. Kollock, pastor of the Independent church, of Savannah, and was the son of Ebenezer Rees, grandson of Judge Advocate Rees, and a regular descendant of the Liberty county people on his grandmother's side. I am unable to give her maiden name, but she was twice married; first, to John Kell, sr., of Sunbury, spoken of in the disqualifying act as 'gentleman,' and became the grandmother of Captain J. M. Kell and Rev. Dr. A. T. Holmes; and second, to Judge Advocate Rees, and became the grandmother of the above. Rev. H. K. Rees was first a Presbyterian minister, located at Darien, but afterwards entered the Episcopal church, and was Rector at Macon, Ga., for a number of years. He died at Darien, Ga., March 25, 1893.

And now we pause here to express our own astonishment, as well as what must be that of others, at the above long list of ministers and able men that have gone out from the old church. Was the like ever known? Where else upon the face of the habitable globe, did so small a fountain ever send out so many and large streams? The earth has produced but one Niagara, but one Mt. Blanc, but one Lake Como. So it has given us but one Midway church. Surely the mould was broken into which this people were cast. When the remains of the immortal Washington were deposited in the

Sarcophagus at Mount Vernon the key to the receiving vault was cast into the bosom of the Potomac, and there locked up in his solitary resting place 'The father of his country' sleeps, beside his wife, in solitude undisturbed. So this grand old church, with its wondrous record and sacred memories, lies locked up in solitary grandeur, in the place of its entombment, alike to remain the constant marvel of history, as well as the favorite shrine of the pilgrim, and proper theme for future story and song.

Nor yet can any one glance at the above without seeing the large debt due her from other denominations. It is a singular fact that though the church was Congregational, not a single one of all the scores of ministers going out from her ever entered her folds. The motto on the old colonial seal, 'Non sibi sed aliis,' not for ourselves, but for others, might well be inscribed upon her tomb. She has been a real nursery for the Presbyterian church, and it is difficult to see how that church could well have gotten along without her aid. Neither is it easy to say how much the Baptist and Methodist churches are likewise indebted for contributions to their working forces. It is simply impossible to tell how much the Baptists are indebted for two such men as Chancellor P. H. Mell and Dr. Edward A. Stevens, missionary, both of whom were consecrated to the Lord in infancy, upon her Altars. Or the Methodists for one such man, as Bishop James Osgood Andrew, the grandson of her clerk, James Andrew, and so named in honor of her first pastor, Rev. John Osgood.

WOMEN--MINISTERS' WIVES

In speaking of the noted characters who have gone out from this grand old church, I would be recreant to my duty, did I fail to make special

mention of some, at least, of the noble women, who have gone out from the same. No church has ever furnished such a host of devoted Christian women, and certainly none ever had the honor of furnishing so many ministers' wives. Among the number of those whose names I now recall, I mention the following:

Mrs. Mary Baker, widow of Col. John Baker, who afterwards became the wife of Dr. McWhir. Renchie Norman, first the wife of Thomas Quarterman, and secondly the wife of Senator John Elliott, and lastly, married Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, the pastor of the church. Ann Winn, the daughter of Peter Winn, for ten years deacon in the church, who became the wife of Prof. J. R. Ripley, D.D., professor at Newton Seminary, Mass., for forty-five years. Mrs. Sarah McConnell (Miss Walthour), the second wife of Rev. George Howe, D.D., professor for fifty-two years of Columbia Seminary, and whose daughter, Augusta (McConnell), became the wife of Rev. B. M. Palmer, D.D., for so many years the pastor of the church at New Orleans. Mary Jones, the granddaughter of Major John Jones, of Revolutionary fame, who married Rev. C. C. Jones, D.D., professor at Columbia Seminary, and who was the mother of Hon. C. C. Jones, jr., LL.D., archaeologist and historian, and of Dr. Joseph Jones, professor at Tulane Medical College, New Orleans, and of Mary Sharpe Jones, who was the wife of Rev. R. Q. Mallard, D. D., editor of the Southwestern Presbyterian, New Orleans. Amanda, the daughter of George Walthour, and wife of Rev. Dr. William Curtis, of the Baptist church. Cornelia, the daughter of Thomas Bacon, and wife of Rev. Mr. Foster, of the same church. The two daughters of Dr. Thomas Goulding; the one, Margaret, the wife of Rev. William M. Reid, of South Carolina, who died in 1883, and the other, Charlotte, the first wife of Rev.

Francis McMurray. Mary Eliza Winn, the daughter of Major John and Eliza Winn, and great granddaughter of Rev. John Osgood, the old pastor, and wife of Rev. Samuel J. Cassels. The two daughters of Rev. Robert Quarterman, the pastor; Susan Caroline, the wife of Rev. Richard Q. Way, who, with her husband, spent sixteen years in Ningpo, China, as missionaries, and Mary, who married Rev. Thomas S. Winn, now of Alabama, and whose daughter, Mary Lelia, has been for sixteen years missionary in Japan. Felix, the daughter of Rev. J. W. Baker, and wife of Prof. James Woodrow, D.D., president of South Carolina college, and whose daughter, Jean, is the wife of Rev. Samuel Woodbridge, missionary to Japan. Louisa Jones, daughter of Samuel Jones, and wife of Rev. Augustus O. Bacon, and mother of Hon. Augustus O. Bacon, United States Senator. Eliza Cassels, the daughter of Rev. Samuel J. Cassels, and widow of the late Rev. J. M. Quarterman. Valeria Cassels, the daughter of Elder Thomas Q. Cassels, and wife of Rev. Donald Fraser, D.D., and mother of Rev. Chalmers Fraser, pastor of Georgia Avenue church, Atlanta. Mary Winn Stacy, daughter of Ezra Stacy, deacon, and the wife of Rev. N. P. Quarterman, pastor of the Quincy church, Florida. Laura Maxwell, daughter of Col. James A. and Susan Maxwell, and wife of Rev. D. L. Buttolph, D.D., for thirteen years pastor of Midway church, Sarah Baker, daughter of John O. Baker, and second wife of Rev. John Winn. Elizabeth, the daughter of James Wood, and wife of Rev. William W. Stegall, a Methodist minister. Eloisa Baker, the daughter of W. Q. Baker, who married Rev. J. H. Alexander. Caroline, the daughter of Rev. R. Q. Andrews, and wife of Rev. D. J. Myrick and mother of Bascom Myrick, editor. The two daughters of Edward Quarterman, deacon, and granddaughters of Rev. Robert Quarterman, the pastor; Aurilla, who mar-

ried Rev. J. M. Austin, of the Methodist church, and Lizzie, the wife of Rev. A. B. Curry, pastor of the First Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Cornelia, daughter of W. L. Jones, who married Rev. Thomas Pond, the Episcopal minister. Mary, the daughter of Baxter Cassels, and wife of Rev. C. C. Carson, pastor of Flemington church.

I might mention others, but these will suffice. Who can estimate the influence of these wives and mothers upon the rising generations of the world? Their influence will be felt for ages to come.

CHAPTER X

SUMMING UP

From the foregoing recital, it is perfectly obvious that the writer is freed from every charge of exaggeration in the commendatory notice previously given of this wonderful old church. Where is another to be found like unto it upon the habitable globe? It stands *sui generis* in its isolated grandeur, like some mountain peak that lifts its head far above all the rest. Look at the record. Four governors. Two signers of the Declaration of Independence. Six Congressmen, two of whom were Senators. Six counties named after her, five after her illustrious men, and the sixth after her own self, and achieved by her own prowess. Eighty-two ministers of the gospel. Six college professors. Three professors in Theological Seminaries. Two University chancellors. Six Foreign missionaries. Two judges of superior courts. Three solicitors. Three presidents of Female Colleges. Two mayors of cities. One United States Minister to a Foreign country. Four authors and one authoress. One historian. One professor in a Medical college. Three clerks of Presbyteries. One clerk of Synod. One president of Board of Directors of a Theological Seminary. One secretary of a Board of Home Missions of one of the leading denominations of the country. Six editors, one of a leading agricultural journal. One State superintendent of public schools, and one of city schools. One president of a State Normal School. Besides, a host of teachers, attorneys, doctors, and professional men, together with prominent business men, all of whom are found scattered everywhere and usually filling important, prominent positions.

Instead of being a laggard in the race, the Midway people have ever been in the lead. The

parish of St. Johns was the first to assert her independence, and in advance of the rest of the colony to send her representative (Lyman Hall) to the Continental Congress. So also the last to surrender, the town of Sunbury being the last of Georgia soil to surrender to the British; the last flag to surrender being that which floated from the ramparts of Fort Morris. They were the first to establish a school of any prominence in the State; the first to lead off in the Temperance Reform; the first native born Presbyterian minister in Georgia; the first Methodist traveling minister in the State; the first Methodist Bishop in the Southern church,¹ were all from this people. The first Baptist Foreign Missionary from the South, Dr. Edward Abiel Stevens, was baptized in that church in infancy. So the first Presbyterian Foreign missionaries from the whole country south and west of Carolina, Rev. R. Q. Way and wife, were members of that church. The first Southern Foreign missionary to lay down his life and buried under heathen soil, Rev. John Winn Quarterman, was from that church. The first minister extraordinary and plenipotentiary from any nationality to the Imperial Court of China, Hon. John E. Ward, was a native of that parish and a member of that church. The first inventor of a sewing machine, the Rev. F. R. Goulding, was a native of that place and son of the church. The first masonic lodge formed in the State, King Solomon, now Solomon's lodge, of Savannah, was, according to tradition, organized by Gen. Oglethorpe, under a large oak at Sunbury, and parts of which were converted into a gavel and chair, the former presented by Mrs. Perla Sheftall to that lodge, and still used by them.

1. Bishop Soule, the other Southernor, did not adhere to the church until the conference at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1846.

In 1851 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church met (before the division) in St. Louis, and it was a noticeable fact that of the commissioners gathered from different parts of the country, four should be the sons of Midway church, viz.: Dr. Daniel Baker from West Texas Presbytery, Dr. C. C. Jones from Georgia Presbytery, Rev. John Jones from Cherokee Presbytery, and Rev. R. M. Baker from Hopewell Presbytery, a thing unprecedented in the history of the church.

Nor is this yet all. For the past thirty-eight years of the Southern Presbyterian church's existence, from the time of its organization in the city of Augusta, December, 1861, down to the present day, with the exception of the years 1864, 1875, 1880, and 1883, there has not been a single General Assembly but that the old church has had one or more representatives, lay or clerical, sitting in her councils, assisting in her legislation and taking part in the development of her life and character.

To show still further the ramification and intertwining of this people with the rest of the country, the writer hopes to be pardoned for giving a little of his own personal experience.

After leaving home he taught school for six months in Screven county, named after Gen. Screven, a Liberty county man; then he went to Oglethorpe College, where he found Rev. J. W. Baker, a Liberty county man, as one of the professors, with Prof. J. B. Mallard in charge of the Midway Female Academy near by. After graduating, he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina, and found Dr. C. C. Jones, another Liberty county man, in one of the chairs as professor. After licensure he went to preach in Lumpkin and Cuthbert. In the former place he found himself in Stewart

county, named after a Liberty county man; also found Col. S. B. Spencer in charge of the Male Academy, Mr. Oliver Stevens president of the Female College, and himself in charge of the Presbyterian church, with Cols. Bennett and Gaulden leading attorneys in the place and all from Liberty county. In Cuthbert he found Rev. Dr. A. T. Holmes president of the Baptist Female College. His next field was in Troup county, and every week would pass the Baptist Female College at LaGrange, under the management of a Liberty county man, Mr. Milton Bacon. After removing to Newnan he found Rev. R. Q. Mallard pastor of the Central church, Atlanta, Rev. John Jones pastor at Griffin, and himself pastor at Newnan, and all three from Midway church.

And how is it today? Though nearly forty years have passed, we find the old church still asserting its supremacy in church and state. A survey of the country still show Liberty county people every where and still in positions of honor and trust. We find one of our leading Senators, Hon. A. O. Bacon, a liberty county man, in the halls of the nation. We find the Adjutant General of the State, Captain J. M. Kell, the grandson of a Liberty county man. We find the president of the State Normal School, Captain S. D. Bradwell, a Liberty county man, and two of the teachers and the matron from the same place: We find the superintendent of the Public Schools in Savannah, W. H. Baker, and two of the principal teachers in that school from Liberty county. We find John Baker, president of the 'Young Female College' at Thomasville, a Liberty county man. We find the descendants of Milton Bacon, another Liberty county man, the managers of the Southern Baptist Female College, at College Park. We find the clerkship of the Synod of Georgia, and three out of the six Presbyteries, in the hand of Liberty county men. The moderator of

the last General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, Dr. R. Q. Mallard, was a Liberty county man. So the solicitor of the Eastern circuit, Wallace Winn Fraser, the matron of the Augusta Orphan's Home, Mrs. Julia McKinne,¹ one of the leading architects of the State, Grant Wilkins, are all from Liberty county. In the recent political campaign the chairman of the Atlanta Young Men's Democratic club was W. J. Mallard, a Liberty county man. And even in the department of athletics, we see a Walthour published as the champion bicyclist in the South. What a record.

When we remember that this was a church of plain country people, located in a sickly and sparsely populated section; the church edifice forty by sixty feet, with a membership not reaching one hundred and fifty white members, until the latter half of its existence, when it scarcely at any time doubled that, the whole number of white members, as gathered from the records, during its entire existence of one hundred and thirteen years, being only seven hundred and fifty-two; when we remember what that church has accomplished and is still doing for the world, we are lost in wonder. The impress and influence of such a church upon the world must simply be beyond all human calculation. Eternity alone will be able to reveal the good done by that one church and community.

As a fitting close to this sketch, and that too in full accord with one of Solomon's sayings: 'Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth, a stranger and not thine own lips.' (Prov. xxvi:2), I quote the following from the historian Stevens:

1. Since died.

'The accession of such a people was an honor to Georgia, and has ever proved one of its richest blessings. The sons of that colony have shown themselves worthy of its sires. Their sires were the moral and intellectual nobility of the Province.'¹

REASONS FOR SUCCESS

And now the question comes up, How account for all this? Where were the hidings of this church's power? Why the rich, abundant harvest here, and the extreme sterility, poverty, and absolute emptiness in so many other fields?

Although the ultimate answer is in the good pleasure of God, who, in the exercise of His sovereign prerogative, putteth down one and setteth up another,² yet as he works by means, we are fully warranted in looking for the secondary agencies, through which he executes his purposes. As in nature, so here, men do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles. Nothing can be expected from the rocky soil, the stony ground, or fallow fields. It is the good ground only that yields thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold, as the Savior so pointedly puts it. Good work can only follow good material. Brass will never take the polish of fine gold. The early settlers of St. John's parish were the right kind of material, the worthy sons of noble sires, the descendants of men who had been tried, who had left their homes and all for conscience sake, and come to this country that they might enjoy the freedom in the worship of God. They were men of the deepest

1. His. Vol I, P. 381.

2. PS. lxxv, 7.

religious convictions, courage and resolution, and not afraid of hardships and sufferings; but rather the better prepared by those very hardships for the destiny awaiting them. The words of Longfellow fitly apply here:¹

'God had sifted three Kingdoms
To find the wheat for this planting,
Then had sifted the wheat as the
Living seed of the Nation.'

Gathered from different places, bruised, sifted, and winnowed, they were just the sort of seed for that planting.

In studying the history as well as the religious life and character of this people, there are several things worthy of remark, and which may serve to throw light upon this question.

1. The first thing we mention is their intense scrupulousness to meet all their pecuniary obligations, especially what they owed their minister. It was the regular custom, at the annual meeting in March, when pews were chosen, to give notes for the same and made collectable by law. So we find again and again the order issued by the Session to have all the unpaid notes put into the hand of the civil officer for collection. I mention another fact still more significant. In the form of the call adopted June 26, 1771, after promising all due candor, respect and brotherly love, and stating the amount of salary pledged, then follows these remarkable words, (the italics ours):

1. Miles Standish.

"In the which payments, well and truly to be made, we, the Select men and Trustees of said church and society, being thereto by them empowered and required, do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, to you, said..... your certain attorney, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, in the penal sum of two hundred pounds sterling. In witness whereof, etc.,"¹

The idea of binding themselves and their heirs, by a penal sum of double the amount, to secure the payment of the promised salary. What a flood of light do these simple words throw upon the character of these earnest, simple hearted people. Can the annals of any other church produce a parallel?

And indeed the idea after all is not such a bad one. When we remember that the charge against Ananias and Sapphira, and for which they were smitten to the earth, was not lying in general, but a particular type of lying, consisting in promising to the Lord and taking back, we cannot withhold our commendation from this people, in their earnest endeavor to see that this particular debt be paid. I hesitate not to affirm that it is this particular species of lying, this utter disregard of pecuniary vows and obligations, solemnly entered unto the Lord, that is the worm at the root eating up the life and sapping the very foundation of so many of the churches of the land.

2. A second thing equally remarkable and significant, is the practice already alluded to of reading sermons by the deacons and others, in the absence of the pastor. This practice, as already

1. Pub. Rec. P. 68.

stated, commenced at a very early day,¹ and in order to insure the service, the deacon, in some instances, was paid. As there were five preaching places, and only two ministers, with preaching every Sunday at Midway during the winter months, the 'reading days' were very frequent, and even more numerous than those for preaching. Where else has the like ever been known? A congregation patiently listening to two sermons read by laymen on Sunday before returning home, and in some instances actually paying the deacon for the service? Is it any marvel that God rewarded such zeal, and also wonderfully blessed that people?

3. A third equally remarkable and unusual thing was the common and well nigh universal practice of family worship. Very few families were destitute of the family altar of prayer, in many instances even widowed mothers officiating with her fatherless children, and bowing together with them around that altar morning and evening. I have it from the lips of Rev. Thomas S. Winn, one of the pastors, that soon after his acceptance of the co-pastorate of the church, when journeying to the Presbytery at St. Marys, in company with Dr. Axson, then senior pastor, that he (Axson) told him that so far as he knew, family worship was generally kept up in all the families of the church. What a startling and wonderful statement, coming from the lips of a pastor. No wonder the church accomplished such wonderful feats, for the power of Jehovah was its own.

4. Another factor leading to these results was their hearty endorsement of the Abrahamic covenant

1. The practice still obtains to a certain extent in some of the offspring churches.

and the high appreciation, in which the rite of Infant Baptism was held. The records show nearly as many baptisms of infants as births; the recorded births being 1,035, and the baptisms 945. These pious people fully believed and laid hold of the precious promise, 'I will be a God to thee and thy seed after thee,' and showed their belief by giving their children unto the Lord in the holy ordinance of baptism. Nor yet was this an idle and unmeaning ceremony, for they felt the force of the vows assumed; and not only parents, but the church in its collective capacity felt the great responsibility resting upon them as the custodians of these lambs of the fold, these minors of the commonwealth of Israel, to guard their interests and to do all in their power to train them for his glory. In the earlier history of the colony, they even asserted the right of exercising discipline over the parents of these baptized children, as well as the children themselves, when neglectful of duty. How different the modern idea that not even parents, much less the church, have any special authority in connection with the children of the church.

5. And coming upon the heel of this, and as the result of it, we find them noted for the thorough religious training and discipline of the children. They were religiously taught from childhood. Parents strove to impress upon the minds and hearts of their children that their first great concern was to seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and that any other than a religious life was a failure. There was constantly held up before their youthful minds, by parents and others,¹ the high dignity and honor

1. It was said of Mr. T. Q. Cassels, deacon, that it was his invariable custom to suggest the ministry to every young man in the church as soon as converted.

of being called into the ministry, accompanied with earnest desire that they too should so see it. O, the anxious pleadings of many a mother's heart, like that of Hannah of old, that God would train her child for his service. Many a son had been given to the Lord and trained from infancy for the ministry, by loving, anxious parents. As a striking example of this, I mention the case of the mother of Dr. Edward Abiel Stevens, missionary, who, it is said, consecrated her son in childhood to the very mission field to which he was afterwards sent in the providence of God.¹ Is it astonishing then that so many were called into the ministry?

6. Still another thing conspiring to bring about such grand results, was the strict observance of the Sabbath day. God has made the Sabbath the symbol of his authority, as well as a sign between himself and his people, and no nation or people can trample

1. This custom of formally consecrating their children unto the Lord, seems to have been rather common with the early Baptists of Liberty county, many of whom had gone out from the Midway church, and still showing its influence upon them. I mention two other instances at least. In Dr. Ripley's Memoirs of Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn (Baptist) he said: 'Rev. Mr. Screven, of Sunbury, was present at Newport, and preached. Sumner administered the ordinance (Lord's Supper) and offered prayer for two children, who were publicly dedicated to the Lord by their parents.' Page 46. So the Hon. A. O. Bacon, United States Senator, being presented by his grandmother, was thus publicly dedicated to the Lord at Walthourville, 1837; my informer being Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn (Presbyterian) who was present and witnessed the same. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Dr. Thomas Curtis.

that insignia of his supremacy under foot and prosper. With the Midway people the Sabbath was emphatically the 'Sabbath of the Lord,' and not a part simply but the whole of it. The day was to be strictly observed not only by themselves, but even by strangers passing through on the highways with their herds, requiring them to rest until Monday. The old puritan idea prevailed, of beginning the day with a Saturday night preparation, the children being required to set aside their playthings and get ready for the services next day. I repeat, therefore, with emphasis, that it is no wonder that a people so religious should be so wonderfully blessed. 'They that honor me will I honor. If thou turn thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasures on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways nor finding thine own pleasure nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.'¹

7. I mention but one thing more as worthy of special emphasis, and that is the entire absence of everything like religious excitement, periodical protracted services, anxious seats, and all the modern methods of church machinery and mere human appliances. These things were all looked upon with extreme suspicion, and were entirely discarded. The writer remembers but two protracted meetings in his day, and these not of previous appointment, but demanded by the prevalence of deep religious feeling at the time. They looked upon home training, prayer at the family altar and in the closet, and the

1. Isai lviii, 13 and 14.

regular Sabbath ministration of the word, as the means of building up the church. They sowed every day with the expectation of reaping every day. They required of their pastors written sermons, even the colored members preferring the written discourses to extemporaneous harangues. The result was that grace was constantly descending like dew, the power of the Lord ever present to heal, the church continually strengthened by regular additions. They built firmly but securely, and with wonderful success as already seen.¹

The things just enumerated, together with the peculiar environments of this people, they being almost wholly isolated from the rest of the world; the entire absence of the saloon and all the temptations and frivolities of modern life, we believe under God, to be the agencies in bringing about the results so remarkable and glorious.

Now, whether these explanations be regarded as satisfactory or not, we feel assured that if the past order of things could be restored, and this deep and fervent piety; this spirit of daily consecration; this regular attendance upon the services of the sanctuary; this establishment of the family altar in every household; this careful training of the children; this strict observance of the Sabbath, and this constant, every day faithful religion, could be reinstated, then we would again see the return of this marvelous spiritual power, and these churches

1. The course pursued by this people might be one extreme, but infinitely better than the opposite of periodical and annual excitement. There is such a thing as 'Reviving a church to death,' as a Baptist brother once said of a certain community in Georgia, in which he lived.

of the land, so many of which are now dead and fruitless, would again exhibit signs of returning life, and if not like this old church, yielding an hundred, would certainly yield thirty and sixty fold. It is simply the absence of spiritual life, and not the absence of church machinery, that stamps them with such spiritual dearth.

REMARKS

In connection with the history of this old church I have still some further remarks to offer.

1. The history of this church will remain to the latest generation a refutation of the old hackneyed charge of Puritanism. We constantly nowadays hear the terms 'Puritan' and 'Puritanical,' and often used by those who have no real conception of their import. It is customary now to term everything strict and deeply pious and religious 'Puritanical.' Yes, these people were 'Puritans.' So were Jeremiah, and the prophets, and Paul, and the apostles, and Luther, and Zwingli, and Calvin, and Wesley, and Whitfield. Would that the whole world were Puritans, if such be the fruit. The world always accuses the zealous servants of God with madness. Tis true, in some instances, the old Puritans did indulge in unwarranted excesses; but are there no excesses with which the people of this voluptuous and sensualistic age may not likewise be charged? With all their excesses, the world would be a thousand times better off under Puritan rule than under the opposite extreme of universal laxity and ruffian disregard for all law and order, as we so often see in these latter days. It is high time the world was calling a halt in its vituperation and abuse of the old Pilgrim fathers, many of whom, judging by their fruits, are, to say the least of it, the full peers of their assailants of the present day.

2. The history of this old church is also a complete refutation of the charge of those who look with such holy horror upon the ordinance of Infant Baptism, and who assail it as the sum of all evils. In no community, perhaps, was this ordinance, in the time of its greatest prosperity, more universally practiced. If it is the terrible thing that antipedobaptists would have us believe, why such rich blessings bestowed upon those into whose minds and hearts the ordinance was so thoroughly imbedded? If the Scripture rule be admitted, to judge a tree by its fruits, the argument would be overwhelmingly in its favor.

Should it be said that the same course of argument would be equally fatal to Presbyterianism and in favor of Congregationalism, as this church was Congregational in form, I answer that with the exception of Messrs. Osgood and Holmes, the church, though Congregational in form, always had Presbyterian ministers. It supported the Presbyterian church, sending her contributions through that channel, and was generally known and in common parlance termed, the 'Presbyterian church;' and all the ministers going out from it have become Presbyterians, not one having embraced the Congregational form of government.

3. Still one other lesson, and that is what, within proper bounds and reasonable limits, might be termed the power and conservatism of the mixing process. Quite a number of individuals and even families came in after the settlement of the colony, but the first settlers, having already possession of the field impressed their ideas and methods upon all newcomers, and like the woman with the meal, leavened the rest. See the importance, not only of starting, but keeping right, and resisting all outside influences, especially in connection with the possi-

bilities of small fields. It was not until some of the earlier practices began to fall into disuse, by the introduction of a foreign element, that the old church began to show signs of weakness and decay. It is not the amount of material at hand, but what is used, that tells. Let all the pastors of small congregations and churches take the hint and be encouraged.

CHAPTER XI

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE NEGROES

Any account of this church would be decidedly incomplete, without distinct mention of the religious instruction of the negroes. The Carolina emigrants brought their slaves with them, and they comprised a large part of the population. When first established, the colony numbered about three hundred and fifty whites and fifteen hundred slaves, the average increase of population being in favor of the latter class. For several years, it seems, no special effort was made for their evangelization. No mention is made of any accommodation for them in the log meeting house, the first place of worship. In 1770, fourteen years after the erection of the first frame building, we find the society ordering 'that the gallery be made commodious for the whites, and a shed be made for the negroes.' Some seats were also provided for them in the building erected in Sunbury, after the war of the revolution, and also in the house on Jourdine's Hill. Hence we find, as appears from the record, that for the first forty years, up to 1792, only fifty of that people had been added to its membership, though this was the only church anywhere within the county.

During the ministry of Mr. Holmes, (1785-1791) some stimulus appears to have been given to the religious interest among this people. It was during his pastorate that Mingo, a freed man, then residing on Mr. Peter Winn's plantation, a man of piety and zeal, commenced, with the approbation of the church, preaching to his own color, in the woods southeast of the meeting house and just across the Sunbury road. The place was fitted up with booths of bushes, with wide seats and a raised platform in the center, on which Mingo stood, called 'the

stand.¹ Here it was, he preached on Sabbaths between the morning and afternoon services in the church. He also held meetings at some of the plantations, and notably among them, on that of Mr. John Lambert, who felt a lively interest in the race, and engaged him to hold meetings regularly and statedly during his life time, on account of which, his plantation became a place of meeting for the negroes for the neighborhood; and even after his death in 1786, until 1838, when his estate, consisting of lands and slaves, left for charitable purposes, was sold and invested in something more productive.

With Mingo was associated Jack, belonging to Mr. Salturs, and who, on account of his piety and services, was afterwards bought by the church that he might give himself wholly to the work. He lived on Mr. Lambert's place, and survived him several years. He was the father of Toney Stevens, who was afterwards colored minister under the supervision of the church.

On the death of Jack Salturs, Sharper, belonging to Mrs. Quarterman, succeeded him. He was a man of deep piety and zeal, and enjoyed the confidence of the whole community till his death, in the spring of 1833. He not only preached at 'the stand,' as his predecessors had done, but labored more abundantly than they all, holding meetings at the plantations of Mr. Lambert, Mr. James James, and others. He did much for the colored people. He died full of years and universally lamented. The following is the account of his funeral given by Dr. Jones:

'His funeral was held at night on the green in front of Midway Church. Between two and three hundred negroes were present. At the close of the

1. Dr. Jones' 10th Report.

services we opened the coffin. The moon shone in his face. The people gazed upon it and lifted up their voices and wept. His sons bore him to his grave. In silence we returned to our homes oppressed with grief at this heavy affliction of God.'¹

Mr. Gildersleeve was the first minister who attempted systematic work on behalf of the negroes. His habit was, every Sabbath, on return from services, to assemble with his own, all the negroes who might come, in his own parlor. Mr. Robert Quarterman, afterwards minister, at that time a member of the family, asserted that 'the parlor was for the most part crowded to overflowing and great interest was manifested.'

In the year 1792 the present house of worship was erected with increased gallery accommodations for the colored people.

In 1806 a meeting house was put up in the fork between North and South Newport rivers, called 'Pleasant Grove.' Reading services were held here regularly every Sabbath, conducted by Messrs. Bradwell, John Ashmore, Col. Joseph Law, and others. It was afterwards made a station by the Methodist circuit riders, from which the colored people derived some benefit.

In the same year the Baptists commenced operations in the county. They organized a church in Sunbury under the ministry of Rev. Charles O. Screven. Their meeting house was built in 1810, with a gallery for the negroes. Mr. Screven was assisted by Mr. Samuel S. Law, first as a deacon, but afterwards, when ordained, held services every Sabbath afternoon for them.

1. Dr. Jones' 10th Report.

Mr. Murphy succeeded Mr. Gildersleeve in 1811. Mr. Quarterman, not a professor of religion when in Mr. Gildersleeve's house, but now received into the communion of the church, commenced weekly meetings for them, on Mr. Jones' plantation, and continued for four years, till 1814. He was succeeded by Mr. John O. Baker till 1823. Mr. Oliver Stevens and Mr. John Osgood held services every Sabbath afternoon at Lambert's plantation, beginning in 1811, and continuing for seventeen years, till Mr. Osgood's death. Mr. John Dunwoody and others also entered into active service in this field.

About this time the appointment was made by the church of some of the most intelligent and pious men among the negroes to be 'watchmen,' or kind of superintendents of the rest. Their charge embraced one or two plantations. Their duty was to look after the conduct of the rest, to report cases requiring discipline, and to give instructions to inquirers. The necessity for this appointment grew out of the increasing numbers of additions to the church from this class, and also, the continued disposition of the whites to spend more of their time away at the retreats, from their plantations, and the negroes being deprived more and more of the restraining influence of their presence.

In the year 1818 a second Baptist church was formed at North Newport and a house of worship erected, with galleries for the use of the colored people of this church. Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn was for a short while pastor, who gave considerable attention to the spiritual improvement of the negroes, as he had some time before his licensure. This field was afterwards filled by Rev. Henry J. Ripley, who afterwards became professor in Newton Theological Seminary, Mass. Rev. Jacob Dunham, also for ten years missionary of Sunbury Association, frequently preached to this people. Following the

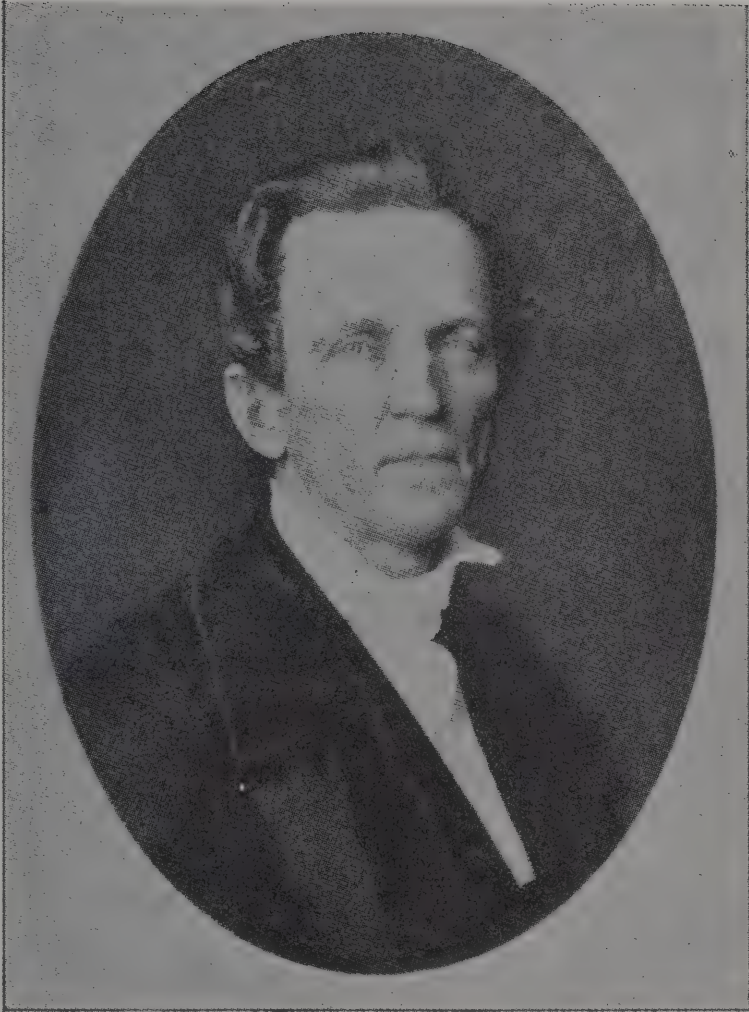
example of the Midway people, they also had their 'watchmen,' many of whom were to some extent exhorters.

Still one other advance in the work. Rev. Robert Quarterman succeeded Mr. Murphy as pastor of Midway Church in 1823. The church, perceiving the necessity for a more careful and thorough instruction of this people, appointed, in addition to the 'watchmen,' a committee of white men, located in different parts of the county, as 'Instructors,' whose duty was to receive and instruct all persons under serious impressions, and to recommend to the church Session those whom they thought worthy of membership, the Session in the meantime having resolved not to consider the application for membership of any of this class unless they brought a recommendation from some one of the committee.

Thus we perceive that up to 1830, though considerable advance had been made in the religious instruction of the colored people, still there was nothing that amounted to anything like a regular systematic training and instruction. With the next year begins the era of a special work, so successfully carried on and with such abundant fruits, under the management of that devoted servant of God, Rev. Charles Colcock Jones.

Organization of the Association

On the 10th of March, 1831, a number of persons interested in the religious instruction of the negroes met in Riceboro, and upon consultation determined to form an association. A committee was appointed to prepare a report and a constitution, and Rev. C. C. Jones to deliver an address, at another meeting to be held in the same place March 28th. The meeting was held according to agreement, the address was delivered, the committee reported,



C. C. Jones.

and a constitution adopted, which was, in the course of a few weeks, signed by twenty-nine persons and the association formed.

The association met on April 4th, of the same year, and proceeded to divide the district into divisions or neighborhoods, and appointed places of instruction and teachers in each of these districts. The teachers were to visit the plantations assigned them, in rotation every week; and these teachers were to meet the executive committee of the association every three months for prayer and conference. There were eight of these districts or neighborhoods, and each of these under the superintendence of one of the executive committee. The plan promised well, but for want of execution, soon fell through. As the teachers were not ministers, they failed to interest the negroes and secure their attendance.

There was at this time a society called the 'Midway Church Missionary Society,' of which the executive committee of the association were members. They offered Rev. C. C. Jones a commission to preach two Sabbaths in the month to the whites in the destitute portions of the county, and the other two Sabbaths and intervening days of the week to the negroes. Mr. Jones accepted the position and commenced his work, and preached at Fraser's plantation, Mt. Olivet, Pleasant Grove, and several plantations, during the week. After one month's trial, feeling not fully prepared for this work, he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Savannah, where he remained eighteen months. At the end of this time he relinquished his charge in Savannah and returned to Liberty county, and at the solicitation of the association, entered regularly upon his labors December 2, 1832.

His Field

His field embraced the fifteenth district, covering an area of about twenty miles square, with some one hundred plantations of all sizes, and with about four thousand negroes of all ages. The most of these plantations were left by the white people and owners in summer, during the sickly season. Owing to the vastness of the field, the newness and delicacy of the work, and difficulties of the undertaking, it was not without many misgivings that Mr. Jones undertook the work. Let him tell his own feelings in the matter:

'I commenced my labors on the 2nd of December, 1832. The Lord had opened the door. A great work was to be done, but to me it was almost entirely new. There were no precedents in our country to which I could look for encouragement and instruction. The work was one of exceeding delicacy. A slight impropriety might ruin it, while on its success the spiritual welfare of multitudes might depend. The public mind was sensitive and tender. There were fears and there were objections. Some of them I had heard expressed in no measured terms. It was urged that large assemblages on the Sabbath, with no white person present but the missionary, would be seized upon as fit occasions for riot and insubordination. Soon there would be a call for the interference of the police of the county, and the meetings would be suppressed. Night meetings on plantations would be followed by the breaking open of houses, by thefts, by lewdness and carousals. So much notice of the people would make them presumptuous, unruly and unprofitable. They would be running to the missionary with tales about their work and treatment. Our operation was something of an abolition movement and something new, foreign, and unnecessary. It would open the door for improper teachers. We were commencing a work

which ultimately would tend to the ruin of the county. No good would come of it. The negroes were doing well enough. These may serve as specimens of objections.¹

Under the prudent and proper management however, of Dr. Jones, these and all other fears and objections were disarmed, as the sequel will show. And instead of these, the gospel produced just the opposite effect, and with the most gratifying results.

Dr. Jones commenced his work in a regular systematic way. He divided the district into six stations, viz.: Sunbury, Pleasant Grove, Newport, Midway, Fraser's plantation, and Sand Hills or Walthourville. He preached regularly, and in rotation every Sabbath at these places, except Sunbury, where the Baptists had a church, and Walthourville, where the work was greatly retarded in not having a house of their own. His plan was also to hold plantation meetings at night during the week. Near fifty of these were returned to him, by members of the committee as open for religious instruction. Among others, one of the rules adopted by him at the beginning of his work was not to visit any of the plantations without the permission of the owner, and to confine the meeting to the servants of the place, not even giving out these notices on Sunday or in any of the public assemblies. When the notice of a proposed meeting was sent to any planter, the matter was left entirely in his hands, to provide the place, and to say whether the meeting should be confined to his own servants or not. If he chose to invite the negroes of the surrounding plantations, well enough. In this way all friction was avoided, and the fears of the planters were allayed.

1. His 10th Report.

METHODS OF WORK

1. Sabbath Schools

In order to obtain a regular systematic instruction of the negroes, Dr. Jones found it necessary to organize Sunday-schools in different parts of the field. The following were the places and dates of organization:

1. Fraser's Station. August 18, 1833, with about fifty children. Relinquished after a year's time for the want of a suitable building, the house used being needed by the return of the white family.
2. Pleasant Grove. January 12, 1834, organized and conducted by Mr. Barrington King and two ladies, with twenty scholars.
3. Midway. May 11, 1834, with twenty-five scholars.
4. Jonesville. Organized the summer of 1834, and conducted by families residing there, and under the superintendence of Mr. J. B. Mallard.
5. Walthourville. Organized the same summer by families residing there.
6. Sunbury. Organized the same summer by families there.
7. Newport. Organized March 22, 1835, in connection with Rev. Samuel S. Law and Mr. Odingsell Hart, with forty scholars.
8. Gravel Hill, now Flemington. Organized in the summer of 1835, by Messrs. John and Ezra Stacy, W. E. Quarterman and others.

Making, in the eight schools within the bounds of the field, twenty-five teachers and two hundred and fifty scholars. Of these schools only Midway, Sunbury, Pleasant Grove, and Newport continued through the year. Those of Walthourville, Jonesville, and Flemington were discontinued in the winter, as so many of the families left for their plantation homes during the winter months; and for the additional reason that there were services at Midway every Sabbath during the winter, which so many desired to attend.

These schools were only for oral instruction. A school had been established at Sunbury in 1816, to teach the negroes to read,¹ but had been discontinued, it being contrary to the laws of the state.²

The interest in these schools gradually increased. In 1835 there were seven schools, thirty six teachers and four hundred and fifty scholars. The number continued for several years about the same, notwithstanding the absence of Dr. Jones, who was at the Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, for two years. In 1839, the report shows seven schools, thirty-one teachers, and four hundred and fifty-five scholars. In 1845 we find there were nine schools, thirty-four teachers, and six hundred and forty-seven scholars, which continued about the same number, with perhaps a small advance, until the time of Dr. Jones' second removal to the Seminary in the fall of 1848. After his removal, the schools were still kept up. We have no means of ascertaining the statistics during this period, but know from personal knowledge and the statements

1. Dr. Jones' 10th Report.

2. Said laws passed May 10, 1770.

of others, that the interest continued unabated till the work was interfered with and finally suspended by the casualties of the war.

2. Catechetical Instruction

A second thing Dr. Jones saw necessary was Catechetical Instruction. The colored people needed instruction and training as well as preaching. They were not only taught hymns and portions of the scriptures, but also systematic theology. To this end he saw the necessity of preparing a catechism of scripture doctrine, which, in addition to the preaching, they were taught. This was a second and independent service after the morning discourse.

3. Inquiry Meetings

Another thing used was the Inquiry Meeting. He avoided everything like appeal to animal excitement; discarded what is styled 'mourners' benches,' or calling up for prayer, or even giving the hand in token of a purpose to seek religion. The inquiry meeting was as far in that direction as he ever went. In that quiet way, he would have at different times various numbers coming up for instruction. In 1839 there were as many as one hundred and twelve in attendance upon those inquiry meetings during the year, and coming from fifty different plantations.

4. Watchmen

In a work so extensive, having an area of twenty-five by fifteen miles, it was necessary that a missionary should have help. At an early date, even as early as 1811, the church fell upon the plan of having, in addition to colored ministers, what was commonly known as watchmen. The most pious and

trustworthy colored men would be selected and set apart for the purpose of being leaders to the others, to watch the others, to report cases of seriousness, as well as cases needing discipline; and would recommend those whom they thought prepared to enter the communion. There were quite a number of these scattered among the different plantations. These watchmen would also conduct plantation meetings during the week, attend burials, and in some cases, authorized by the church to solemnize marriages among the colored people. Dr. Jones found it profitable to hold monthly conferences with them, known as watchmen's meeting.

5. Committee of Instruction

Then, in addition to these, it was found necessary also to have 'committees of instruction,' of which mention has already been made. These were intelligent, pious, and influential male (white) members residing in different parts of the district, to whom the colored people were required to go for instruction, and by whom they were to be recommended to the church Session for membership, and without which no application would be considered. I remember when a boy, often sitting by and hearing my father talk to those who would come to him for instruction, as he was one of the committee for the Flemington retreat.

6. Plantation Meetings

In addition to the regular Sabbath services, Dr. Jones held plantation meetings in the week at nights. These were held at different plantations, some times as many as fifty, usually under the superintendency of the owner, if a christian. In these meetings the watchmen took active and leading part, especially in the absence of the missionary,

and at points he could not reach. The system of evening prayers on different plantations, commenced as early as the ministry of Mr. Holmes, was kept up, and conducted usually by one of these watchmen.

Co-Laborers

As the work advanced, the necessity for ministerial laborers likewise increased. Dr. Jones gladly welcomed as co-laborers in the field, Rev. S. S. Law, and Rev. Josiah S. Law, of the Baptist church, who preached at Sunbury and North Newport, and afterwards at Hutchinson; and also Rev. Augustus O. Bacon, a pious and promising young minister, of the same church, who preached at Newport for a short time, and whose untimely death was so much regretted. Dr. Axson also for several summers delivered weekly lectures to the negroes at Jonesville, where he resided.

After the removal of Dr. Jones to Columbia Seminary, the field was occupied by Rev. Josiah S. Law until his death, October 5, 1853; afterwards by Rev. John Winn, who labored from 1851 to 1857; then by Rev. R. Q. Way, from 1859 to 1866; and lastly, by Rev. R. Q. Andrews, during the year 1867, till the removal of Dr. Buttolph and the virtual dissolution of the old church, all of whom were employed by the executors of Lambert's estate, as missionaries to the colored people.

Results

As the result of the labors of Dr. Jones and his co-adjutors, multitudes of the colored people were brought into the churches. From the records of the Midway church, I have gathered 1,238 names of colored people received into that church during its entire existence, though I have reason to believe

that these figures fall short of the truth. It is a significant fact, however, that of this number, 677, more than half, were added after Dr. Jones commenced his labors among them.

The following is his estimate in 1846, of the colored membership of the different churches in the district:

Midway, Congregational, 377. Pleasant Grove, Presbyterian, 31; Methodist, 21. Sunbury, Baptist, 161. Newport, Baptist, 543. Total, 1,133, which was nearly one-fourth of the whole negro population of the district at that time, according to the tax returns there being 4,212.

And this estimate grows upon us, when we remember that the increase of membership was much more rapid after this, as the records show an addition of more than five hundred members to Midway alone, from this time till the dissolution of the church, twenty-one years afterwards.

So we feel safe in saying that at the time of the dissolution there were not less than seven hundred colored members of the Midway church, with fully as many, and even more, in connection with the other churches, making a total of about fifteen hundred, out of a population of over four thousand colored people, being nearly one-third of the whole.

In addition to the large accessions to the different churches, the improvement in the morals of the negroes became marked. There were very few cases of crime or disorders of any sort, few if any runaways, as at first, when in one season there were as many as fifteen in the district. The patrol system, in a great measure, fell into disuse, there being no regular organized and active patrol in the

whole district; and this the more remarkable as out of the one hundred and twenty-five plantations, there were only twenty-four upon which the owners resided permanently all the year round, forty-one upon which they remained half of the year, and sixty upon which no white persons resided at all during any part of the year, being only visited by the owners or overseers in the day. That the race was greatly benefitted and elevated by these efforts in their behalf was admitted on all sides.

As bearing directly upon this point, I here give the following extract from the address of Rev. Robert Quarterman, delivered before the association, at their annual meeting, January, 1844:

“Contrasting the present state of things with ten years ago, we are constrained to ask, ‘What hath God wrought?’ That there has been great and manifest improvement, is evident to every one, even the casual observer. Drunkenness, theft, falsehood, profaneness, and even lewdness, (that hitherto crying sin among them) though not wholly banished, do now exist to a very limited extent, in comparison to what they formerly did. In external appearance, too, we rarely behold that filthy and disgusting squalidness, that utter indifference to even common decencies of life, which so generally prevailed in former times. There is also a greater regard to the duties and obligations involved in the various relations of civil and social life; those obligations are better understood, and those duties are better performed. Indeed they are in all respects a more decent, orderly, and morally respectable people. Their tone of character, in a civil, social, and religious sense is evidently elevated and improved.”

Not only were the colored people of the county directly benefitted, but a deep and wide-

spread interest was awakened in their behalf throughout the whole country, north, east, south, and west. Nothing contributed more to this general interest than the extensive correspondence of Dr. Jones, as well as the publication of his annual addresses before the association at their annual meetings at Riceboro, which were scattered far and wide; and also of his catechism and other writings upon the subject, which were used in other places, the catechism being translated into Chinese and other languages, and used by missionaries. His extensive correspondence, and the wide and general circulation of his writings on the subject soon made him the recognized leader of the whole movement, and Liberty county again became celebrated for taking the lead in the great work of instructing and elevating the negro race.

Dr. Jones wrote the report of the committee to whom the subject of the religious instruction of the negroes was submitted, and who presented the same to the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia at their sitting at Columbia, South Carolina, December 5-9, 1833.

At a meeting called by twenty-four leading citizens of Charleston and South Carolina to consider the religious condition of the negroes, and which met at Charleston, May 13-15, 1845, a committee of five were appointed to collate and prepare an address, from the reports and papers received by that convention, and after approval by a publishing committee of ten, to publish the same. Dr. Jones prepared the report and also superintended its publication.

He also prepared a volume published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, on religious instruction of the negroes.

At the organization of the Southern Presbyterian church at Augusta, December, 1861, Dr. Jones was present, and though too feeble to stand, delivered from his seat upon the platform a stirring address on the claims of the colored people and duty of the church to them. The writer was present and heard the same. It may safely be said that no man has ever done more for the colored race of this country than he. No man was ever more beloved and appreciated by that people, his name being mentioned with reverence to this day. His labors extended from December, 1832, when he commenced regular work among them, till the close of December, 1847, when called a second time to the Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina, (thirteen years). And even during the years 1837-8, when at Columbia for the first time, he would spend his three months' summer vacation at his home in Liberty county preaching to this people. And for all this labor he received but a small contribution from the estate of Lambert, and that for only a part of his time. Being blessed with means, he entered the field at his own charges. He continued to render this gratuitous service for seven entire years, till 1841, when the executors of said estate made an appropriation of \$400, which amount they afterwards contributed annually until his removal. Dr. Jones has well been styled by Dr. Mallard, in his 'Plantation Life,' as the 'apostle to the colored people.'

Remarks

Concerning this work among the colored people, I offer the following remarks:

1. It was effected under a variety of agencies. The missionary, Dr. Jones, was Presbyterian, and yet the church, in the bosom of which the work was conducted, was Congregational, the teachers gener-

ally being members of it. The association, directly charged with the management of it, was undenominational, members of other churches connected with it, Baptists being officers as well as others. No effort was made to induce the colored people to join Midway, it being left to their own free will. Many joined the Baptist churches at Sunbury and Newport. The different ministers employed with and after Dr. Jones, viz.: Rev. Josiah S. Law, Rev. John Winn, Rev. R. Q. Way, and Rev. R. Q. Andrews, were all supported, as already stated, by the estate of Lambert, the church not paying a single cent. So it seems that Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists members of Midway Church, and the estate of Lambert, all contributed, more or less, in connection with the labors of Dr. Jones, to the grand result.

2. The colored people were never set off in a separate church organization. The policy was always to keep them in connection with the whites. They had quite a number of preaching places where suitable houses were erected for worship, as at Midway, Pleasant Grove, and afterwards at Hutchinson (now McIntosh), yet no separate organization. A small Presbyterian church was organized at Pleasant Grove in 1843, the building being put up in 1841, and dedicated December 12th of the same year, but was more for the accommodation of the whites in the neighborhood than the colored people. It never had more than thirty members, and was reported to the Synod of Georgia in 1866 as dissolved. Indeed, the colored members have always been partial to Midway, accommodations being made for them in the gallery on three sides;¹ also to their

1. This explains the unusual number of windows in the upper story of the church building as appears in the cut.

own structure near by on the church grounds. They were all publicly received, as the whites, before the entire congregation, and communed together, the whites below and the colored people in the gallery. I know of nothing more interesting than to insert just here a picture of one of these communion scenes, as sketched by the facile pen of Dr. Mallard and taken from his 'Plantation Life.'

'SACRAMENT SUNDAY IN MIDWAY CHURCH.'

'It was a great day with both white and black, and anticipated with joy by the pious, and interest by all. There was a peculiar quiet about the morning of the sacred day on the plantation. All the sounds of the busy week have ceased; the noisy rattle of the chain of the horse gin is silent, the flails in the barnyard are still; few loud calls are heard about the quarters; the negroes are seen sitting on the sunny side of their houses, mothers with their children's heads in their laps, carrying on in public an operation better suited for in-door privacy; no sounds are heard but the lowing of the cattle, the whinnying of the horses, the crowing of the cocks and cackling of the hens; the gobbling of the turkeys; the shrill cries of the geese; the winds appear to be asleep, and the very sunshine seems to fall more gently than during the week upon the widely extended fields and surrounding woods.

'Our honored father, a deacon of the church, sits by the window, and with a knife carefully sharpened the day before divides upon a clean white board the wheaten loaves into little cubes of bread, the 'elements,' as they are called, together with the genuine silver goblets and silver tankards and silver baskets, previously polished by the deft hands of the house girl, with the little contribution boxes for the offering in aid of the poor, are all safely

packed away in a wide basket.

'Prayers and breakfast over, the family dress for church; and now the order is sent out to the stable boys and the carriage driver to 'Harness up,' and directly the high-pitched carriage, with its lofty driver's seat and swinging between its 'C' springs, and the two-wheeled 'top-gig' and the saddle horses are brought around to the front gate; and although it is scarcely more than nine o'clock, and the distance 'a short mile,' the entire family, as was the custom, ride to church. As we roll along the broad highway, we find the servants clean and neatly dressed and in their best, some on foot and others in Jersey wagons, crowded to their utmost capacity with little and big, and drawn by 'Marsh Tackey's,' equal in bottom and strength to, and no larger than, Texas ponies - all moving in the same direction; those on foot carrying their shoes and stockings in their hands, to be resumed after they shall have washed in the waters at the causeway near the church; for they believe in treading the Lord's courts with clean feet. Many are the kind greetings and mutual inquiries after the health of each other and of their families, exchanged by whites and blacks.

We are among the first to arrive, but every moment we hear the thunder of vehicles rolling across the half dozen bridges of the swamp causeway near at hand, and the neighing of horses; and here come the multitude, from distances of from one to ten miles and more. Horses are unharnessed and secured, and the worshippers fill the small houses surrounding the church, or stand in the sunshine, or saunter about the grounds, or visit the 'graveyard.'

Under my father's superintendence, the long

narrow red-painted tables and benches are brought out from the vestry and carried into the church, and arranged in the aisle before the pulpit. The church building, 40 x 60 feet in size, is very ancient; it was built in 1792; it is the successor of one destroyed by the British, and of a plainer and coarser, put up after the Revolution. It is of wood, originally painted red, the old color showing beneath the later white, and is surmounted by a spire, with open belfry and a weather vane, which used to puzzle our child brains to ascertain what it was intended to represent. It has five entrances, two of which admit to the gallery. Passing in by the door, opening upon the graveyard, and near which was our family pew, we look up a broad aisle to the pulpit, which, small and closely walled in, soars aloft toward the ceiling, and is surmounted by a sounding board, like a gigantic candle extinguisher, supported by an iron rod, the possible breaking of which often aroused our infantile speculations as to what, in that event, would become of the preacher. It was reached by a lofty stairway running up in front. At right angles to our aisles runs another as broad, connecting the two other doors. Aisles run around the sides of the audience room, and the pews are so arranged that everybody seems to be facing everybody else. A wide gallery extends around three sides, resounding often with the creaking of new brogans, which the black wearers were not at all disposed to suppress. The communion table and benches reach the entire length of the broad aisle to the pulpit; the whole covered with the whitest and finest of linen (our mother's special care). A cloth of the same kind conceals from view at its head the sacred symbols of our Lord's atoning death. There is above a single row of sashed windows, out of reach, and transoms over the solid shutters of the windows below; but not a sign of a stove in the church, although the air sometimes is frosty, and the shut up atmosphere

occasionally of the temperature of the vaults in the cemetery hard by. And brides in the olden time, in mid-winter, came to these services clad in muslin, with only the protection of a shawl, and in paper-soled slippers, laced up the ankles. Why there never was any way of warming the church I never knew, nor heard explained. Doubtless some caught their death of the cold, which often made us children shiver and long for the benediction which would dismiss us to the sunny sides of the houses without or to their fires within. It was not, however, ordinary bitterly cold, for the winters were for the most part mild.

All things having been prepared, there is a half-hour's prayer-meeting, attended by such worshippers as have arrived early.

'At eleven o'clock the regular communion service begins, with an invocation from one of the pastors; for we always had two. An earnest, well written, often eloquent, always solemn, sermon is preached from a manuscript, either by the venerable Rev. Robert Quarterman, long since gone to his reward, or his young and handsome coadjutor,¹ Rev. I. S. K. Axson, now living in Georgia, a feeble old man; the long list of names of members received at a meeting of Session two weeks before, and 'propounded' the Sunday preceding, is read again, and white and black candidates advance together, the last marshalled by the colored preacher, Toney Stevens, a slave. The candidates for baptism kneel and receive from the marble front, at which all, white and black, infant and adult, are baptized, the sacred sign of God's covenant love. The new members dismissed to their seats, one of the pastors gives

1. Since deceased.

out the hymn of institution (none other was ever sung), 'Twas on that dark, that doleful night;' during the singing of it the communicants fill the seats at the long tables and adjacent pews; the non-professors among the blacks have not been admitted to the galleries above, as there is not room. After the consecrating prayer, a tender address is made, and first the bread is distributed in the same silver baskets and at the same time, to all the communicants, white and black, below and above; another address, and the wine is passed around by the deacons, my venerated sire one of them. The number of black communicants is so large, that Toney Stevens comes down from the gallery to replenish the gold-lined silver goblets from the basket of wine in bottles near the pulpit; and as the wine is poured out, its gurgling in the solemn silence smites distinctly upon our young ears, and the whole house is filled with the aroma of the pure imported Madeira. Communicants overlooked in the distribution of the 'elements' are asked to signify the fact by raising the right hand; and if any have been passed by (which never occurred), they will be waited upon. We children, awed and almost frightened spectators, look on from our pews upon the solemnities, which suggest sad thoughts of a possible separation which the judgment may, like the communion table, make between us and our beloved parents.

A prayer, doxology and benediction close the solemn and impressive service - solemn and impressive it seems to me upon the review, as nowhere else.

We refresh ourselves in the hour's intermission from the abundant 'cold snacks,' we called them, or lunches; sun ourselves, walk down the road or in the graveyard. Immediately at the close of the communion service a great volume of musical

sound, mellow by the distance, comes up from the African church, in the edge of the forest, where godly Toney Stevens, the carpenter, is about to hold forth to his dusky charge. I have heard more artistic singing, but never heartier or more worshipful elsewhere.

But the bell, whose iron tongue, to our young imaginations, was endowed literally with speech, is saying, 'Come along. Come along.' Another sermon is preached, and horses are found harnessed and vehicles ready, and the mighty congregation disperse to their several homes. The sun is low in the western horizon when we arrive at our plantation home and sit down to a late dinner. Sunday clothes are folded up and put away, and the easier fitting every-day garments and old shoes are, to our immense relief, once more put on. A Sunday-school for the young people of the plantation, conducted in a spare room of our house by one of my sisters, in which hymns are memorized and sung, and Dr. C. C. Jones' Catechism taught, closes the public religious services of the day. After supper and prayers, tired, we all retire to our early couches; but refreshed by the rest, duties and worship of God's hallowed day, and ready on the morrow to take up with new courage and energy the tasks and burdens of secular life.

'Such is a picture of a 'Sacrament Sunday in old Midway,' as it comes back to me, like 'memories of joys that are departed, pleasant but mournful to the soul.'

3. The next thing to be noted and worthy of the deepest emphasis, is the entire absence of all excitement in the conduct of the meetings. As in the case of the white people, there was no resorting to 'anxious seats' or 'calling up for prayer,' or giving

the hand in token of a purpose to reform. Dr. Jones was opposed to all such extraneous means. 'As an individual minister,' said he, 'I have never resorted to these things, and with my present views and feelings, never will.' He depended entirely upon the earnest preaching of the word. And what was remarkable, too, the colored people, like the whites, generally liked the use of the manuscript, and seemed rather to prefer that method of delivery. As one of them said that at first they could not understand the gospel when preached to the whites, but now he believed the minister did better 'when they put down their copy,' that is, when using the manuscript.

Dr. Jones' plan was, first to have a short prayer-meeting, after which a sermon at eleven o'clock; then recess, after which Sabbath school, at the close of which an inquiry meeting; then a second sermon, the people, both white and black, being used to two sermons before leaving the church, and no night service.

4. The Great Revival

As the result of this regular quiet way of instruction, there was a deep work of grace, which continued for four years, 1838-1842. For these four years deep seriousness prevailed. Always a number at the inquiry meetings, resulting in quite a large accession to the church. The interest first started with the colored people and extended to the whites. In a subsequent chapter the reader will find a most interesting description of the revival among the whites at that time, from the pen of Rev. Thomas S. Winn.

5. Permanency of the work. The influence of the work performed by Dr. Jones may be still seen and felt. The portion of the district that is controlled

by the regular descendants of the old church still exhibit, though the inhabitants have been largely changed, the characteristics of their forefathers, there being very few acts of open and flagrant deeds of violence. There have been of late frequent homicides and disturbances, and the jail filled with colored inmates, (a thing unknown in slavery times) but these were chiefly the work of the imported people, coming in from a distance, and largely owing to the opening up of the turpentine farms. The old and regular descendants of the old stock are a peaceable and law abiding people, and still exhibit the impress of the training they received from Dr. Jones and his coadjutors.

CHURCHES FORMED

But the best evidence of the permanent nature of the good work done among the colored people, lies in the number of churches that have resulted from that work. These are as follows:

1. Medway Church

The disasters of the war left everything in a perturbed and disjointed condition. After the removal of Dr. Buttolph in 1867, the colored people, as well as the whites, were left as sheep without a shepherd. During this year Rev. Joseph Williams, a former slave, and ordained as a missionary by the Hopewell Presbytery, visited the county. He was one of the three ordained by said Presbytery and commissioned by them 'to preach to people of their own color.' His ordination was on this wise:

At a meeting of Hopewell Presbytery at Athens, April 18, 1866, an overture was sent up from the colored members of the Macon church, asking to be set off into a separate organization. The

request was granted, and Presbytery 'resolved to hold an adjourned meeting at Macon May 10th, to set apart, if the way be clear, Joseph Williams, Robert Carter, and David Laney, colored members of Macon church, as colored Presbyterian ministers, with powers to preach the gospel, administer the sacraments, solemnize marriage, ordain ruling elders and deacons, all among colored people, etc., provided that these men shall be regarded as ordained ministers in the Presbyterian church only among their own color.'¹

Accordingly, at the time and place appointed the Presbytery met and after satisfactory examinations on Theology, personal piety, and motives in seeking the ministry, ordained these three men as colored Presbyterian ministers, to preach only to people of their own color. Whence this authority to make the color line the basis of ordination, I am unable to say. I must leave it entirely with the members of the Presbytery to answer.

On a call from the colored church at Macon, David Laney was installed as their pastor. With regard to the other two men, Presbytery 'Resolved, That the pastors of the white and colored churches at Macon be requested to co-operate in devising a plan for sending forth at the earliest practicable day, Rev. Joseph Williams and Rev. Robert Carter for such missionary work within the bounds of this Synod, as may be deemed best calculated to advance the cause of Christ among the colored people.

Under this commission the said Williams visited Liberty county in 1867, and after preaching awhile and gathering together as many of the colored

1. See Minutes of Hopewell Presbytery.

people as he could, organized them, the next year (1868) in the old Midway building which had been turned over to them, into a Presbyterian church, with a membership of about three hundred. Some time afterwards, himself and the church, known as Medway, became attached to Knox Presbytery of the Northern church.

For seven years the church prospered and increased under the ministry of Mr. Williams, until it reached a membership of six hundred, with fifteen elders and as many deacons.

In 1874 there sprang up an unfortunate controversy between himself and his people, and some so-called agents of the 'American Missionary Association' of New York, who claimed for themselves and adherents, as the successors of the old church, the building with its appurtenances and franchises.

In this controversy 'Uncle Joe Williams,' as he was familiarly called, felt that the opposition was too strong for him, single handed and alone, and therefore invited Rev. J. T. H. Waite, a white minister, a graduate of Columbia Seminary in the class of 1852, to come to his assistance. Mr. Waite responded to the call ably and successfully assisted in resisting the intrusion and establishing the rightful claim of Williams and his party; after which he remained, and the two continued for a long time as colleagues and co-pastors, until the retiracy of Mr. Williams, thus leaving Mr. Waite in full possession of the field.

Mr. Waite is still pastor of the church and has been for twenty-five years. The present membership is five hundred and thirty-seven. The congregation continued to occupy the old Midway building until 1895, when they erected one of their

own, about three hundred yards north of the old one and on the east side of the road. The building is neat and commodious and was dedicated on Sunday, December 29, 1895.

2. Riceboro Church

This church, located at Riceboro, and five miles from Medway, was originally the remnants of the Pleasant Grove church and congregation, gathered by Dr. Jones during his lifetime, and which was dissolved by the Georgia Presbytery in 1866. Rev. Joseph Williams reorganized them into a Presbyterian church in 1868, and supplied them for a number of years. In 1880, the church was moved to Riceboro and a new building erected, with the help of the Board of Church Erection. They have had for ministers Rev. Geo. T. Jennings, and later Rev. B. L. Glenn, and have now Rev. Simon F. Fraser, a former deacon of Medway church. Their membership is one hundred and forty-six.

3. The Grove Congregational Church

This church, located three and a half miles west of Medway on the McIntosh road, was a colony, or more correctly, a secession from the Medway church. I have already alluded to a controversy between the Rev. Joseph Williams and the so-called agents of the American Missionary Association over the church property. In this controversy, the opposition was led by Rev. Floyd Snelson, a native of Sumter county, and who had been a student at Atlanta University, and ordained as a congregational minister. He, with others, appeared as the agents of said Association, though without their knowledge or consent as was afterwards shown,¹ and claimed the

1. Ms. letter of Rev. J. T. H. Waite.

congregation and building and property of the old church, in behalf of himself and adherents, as the true successors and representatives of the Congregational church, as the old church had become Presbyterian and thereby had forfeited all their rights in the premises. As the title to the property was clearly vested in the right-holders, the worthlessness of the claim was soon apparent and the attempt abandoned, not, however, until after considerable controversy and discussion, resulting in the withdrawal of about seventy of the members of the Medway church, and who organized themselves in May of the same year (1874) into a Congregational church with the said Snelson as their pastor.

Soon after the organization of the church, a school was established, which may be considered a continuation of that organized in 1871 and kept up for two years by Miss Ward, of Massachusetts, but which had now been disbanded for about two years. The school thus established, was at first small and unpretending, but later on assumed larger proportions. Through earnest and patriotic appeals made to northern friends, based upon the idea that this church and congregation were the regular successors of the old historic church, large and liberal contributions were secured, with which not only a neat and commodious church edifice was erected, but also an imposing school building put up with a boarding and industrial department, with accommodation for about five hundred pupils. The institution is known as the 'Dorchester Academy,' and is under the management and control of the aforesaid 'American Missionary Association,' by which it was also established and is supported. The teachers are white and eleven in number, with Prof. Fred W. Foster at their head. It is largely patronized by the colored people and has done, and is still doing a great deal for their uplifting. The catalogue of last year shows

four hundred and fifty-four pupils in attendance. It was, however, strange to say, under the very shadow of this institution and in the very bosom of this congregation, that arose in 1889, that remarkable delusion, known as the 'Christ craze,' which so greatly tarnished the fair name of the county, and which, like a volcano in the sea, shook the community, and for a time threatened to overwhelm the whole with a disastrous upheaval. Of this craze I shall speak hereafter.

As the result of later dissension and discord under the pastorate of Rev. F. R. Sims, quite a number withdrew and organized themselves into a second church with the said Sims as their pastor, and erected a second building within sight of the other. This church and congregation have since connected themselves with the African Methodist church.

4. Ebenezer Church

This church, first called Ebenezer, then Williams' Chapel, and afterwards Ebenezer 2d, because of another church of the same name in the Presbytery, was a colony from Medway church and is located three miles northeast from the same on the public road to Savannah. It was organized about 1887 with forty members, by Rev. Joseph Willaims, who served them for awhile. In 1889 they were supplied by Rev. B. L. Glenn and afterwards and since by Rev. Luther Hubbard. It was here the Rev. Joseph Williams spent the remnant of his days. It was here he died Nov. 22, 1889, and it is here his remains lie buried. He was a man of character and considerable native talent, and was greatly respected by all who knew him, both white and colored.

The present membership of the church is ninety-four.

5. St. Stephen Church

This is a small Presbyterian church, located near the Walthourville station, and organized in 1895, by Rev. H. B. Wilson. It has only sixteen members and is supplied by Rev. Luther Hubbard.

John Lambert

In giving an account of the benevolence of Midway church, as well as the work among the colored people, it is eminently proper that special mention be made of Mr. John Lambert as the conduct and success of that work depended so largely upon the benefactions of his estate. Concerning the parentage and early history of Mr. Lambert, we know nothing. He seems to have been a waif, picked up, as tradition vouches, under a bridge on Lambert's causeway, South Carolina, hence the name Lambert. The same tradition affirms that he was raised by an aged couple, who gave him a pair of chickens from which business when a child, and upon which he reared his after fortune. All I have been able to find out about his manhood is, that he first planted with Rev. Archibald Simpson, of South Carolina, and afterwards managed his business for him. Hence he left in his will to 'his good friend, the Rev. Archibald Simpson, his two new negroes in Carolina, and also the little stock of cattle left on his place, amounting to six or eight head.' After the war of the Revolution he removed to Liberty county in the year 1784, where he lived till his death December 28, 1786. Although the Record does not mention the fact, the evidence all goes to show that he was a member of Midway church. As evidence of his attachment to the church, we need only mention the fact that he left to it in his will a Silver Tankard and two Communion Cups.

That he was a pious as well as benevolent man, appears from the fact that he also left in his will fifty pounds sterling to each of his old Carolina ministers, Rev. Mr. Henderson and Rev. Mr. Gourlay, as well as the interest he felt in the religious condition of his negroes, his plantation being one of the first opened for the religious services of the colored people; and also the clause in his will expressing the wish, that in addition to good treatment, 'the minister for the time being should visit them occasionally and give them some spiritual advice.' Being without any family or known heirs, he left his estate in the hands of executors to be used for charitable purposes, as appears from the following clause:

'My will and desire is that my estate be kept together, and the yearly income be applied to any religious or good purpose, at the discretion of my executors and trustees, either for the support of the gospel in back parts of this state, for the relief of the poor and distressed, or wherever any pious and good purpose may be answered in the church of Midway, or any other that may be erected; for the carrying on and assisting the intended academy in Sunbury or promoting of any public schools or Seminary of learning.'

According to his will the farm was kept up until 1838, when the whole estate was sold and the amount, about \$40,000, reinvested in other securities, and the income, as heretofore, applied for charitable and pious uses. This amount at seven per cent would yield an annual sum of \$2,800 for purposes aforesaid. And who can tell the vast deal of good that has been thus done. These charities have been scattered over the land. Many a widow's heart has been made to rejoice. Many a poor struggling young man has been enabled to complete his education. Many a feeble church has been assisted in obtaining

a supply of a gospel ministry. Like everything else, this estate lost heavily by the disasters of the late war. Since then and at present, the estate is worth only about \$15,000. But though reduced more than one-half, it still continues its course of usefulness, and without further reverses will continue to be a fountain of blessing for years to come.

WILL OF JOHN LAMBERT

STATE OF GEORGIA

In the name of God, Amen.

The 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1785, and of the sovereign Independence of America, the tenth, I, John Lambert, of Liberty county, and state aforesaid, planter, being infirm in body but (blessed be God) of sound and disposing mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament and hereby revoke and cancel all former and other wills and testaments by me, at any time heretofore made or declared, and do allow of and confirm this and no other, to be my last will and testament.

Principally I commend my immortal spirit into the hands of God, who gave it, in and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, my blessed Savior and Redeemer, on whom I rely for the pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and offenses and for eternal life and salvation; and my body at death to be interred in a decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my executors, hereafter named.

First, I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be duly paid and discharged.

Item. I give and bequeath unto the Rev. Mr. Gourlay and also to the Rev. Mr. Henderson, of South Carolina, the sum of sixty pounds sterling, to be paid to each of them as soon as it can be conveniently raised from the income of my estate, to them and their heirs forever.

I give unto Mr. Joseph Dunnom my silver watch.

My will and desire is that Mr. Joseph Bee's bond due me, be given up to him and cancelled, and also, Mr. James O'Hear's note due me, the same.

Item. I give and bequeath to the church and society of Midway, to be bought, as soon as may be, one silver Tankard and two Communion Cups, for the use of said church.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my friend, the Rev. Archibald Simpson, my two new negro men, that are in Carolina, he paying the expense attending the getting of them, having had late advice from Mr. Penman respecting them. Also I give unto the said Archibald Simpson my little stock of cattle I left on his plantation, consisting of six or eight head, more or less, to him and his heirs forever.

My will and desire is that my estate be kept together, and the yearly income be applied to any religious or good purpose at the discretion of my executors and trustees, either for the support of the gospel in back parts of this state, for the relief of the poor and distressed, or wherever any good pious and good purpose may be answered in the church of Midway, or any other that may be erected, for the carrying on and assisting the intended academy in Sunbury, or promoting of any public schools or

Seminary of learning; the bringing up of orphans, and the like. And my estate being in debt, I leave it to the discretion of my executors to sell any part thereof, real or personal, for the clearing of the same, if it cannot be conveniently wrought out.

My will and desire is that the fellow, Toney, be continued driver while he behaves well; may be allowed the privilege of raising a few hogs among the rest, or be found some meat, and something distinguishable in clothes, or a few guineas per annum, according to merit. And the rest of my slaves be treated with as much levity as may be consistent with reasonable service and comfortable living. My will is that as soon as may be, a small stock of cattle be bought and also, that if it can be admitted, they may have meat and rice and rum two or three times a year; and besides, good clothing in the winter; that they also have summer clothes of ozna-burg or the like. And I recommend that the minister for the time being, may visit them occasionally and give them some spiritual advice.

Lastly, I here nominate, constitute and appoint my friends, the Rev. Abiel Holmes, John Elliott, Gideon Dowse, Thomas Sumner, William Quarterman, and Thomas Baker my executors and trustees, for the purposes within mentioned; and in case of decease or removal of any, so that they cannot or will not act, then it shall be in the power of the surviving, or a majority of them, to elect others; and it is my will that others be elected to fill up such vacancy. And I do hereby grant unto my said executors and trustees full power and authority to act and do as they shall judge will best conduce to answer the end and design of this my will.

In witness whereof I, the said John Lambert, to this my last will and testament, have set my hand

and seal the day and year first above written.

JOHN LAMBERT, (L.S.)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence

JAMES GIRARDEAU,

WM. BAKER,

JOHN ANDREW.

Sworn to before Thomas Baker, Register of Probate, Liberty county, January 22, 1787.

The Christ Craze

In writing the history of the work done among the colored people, justice but demands that something should be said about a most remarkable episode that occurred among this people, and which in some respects finds its parallel only in the celebrated New England Witch craze in 1692.

In the early part of the summer of 1889, a white man named Dupont Bell, appeared suddenly in lower part of the county, from whence not definitely known, though from Ohio, it was said, slender in form, about thirty-five years of age, of rather pleasing appearance, open countenance, with long flowing beard and hair of light sandy color, parted in the middle, somewhat curly, resting upon his shoulders; attired in copper colored suit, with a sailor's oilcloth hat and colored shoes, and withal remarkably well versed in the Scriptures. This man knocked at a house occupied by a colored man and family at a late hour in the night. Being refused admittance on account of the lateness of the hour, the family all having retired, he stated that if they knew who it was that knocked, they would not hesitate to open to him. On being asked who he was, he made to them the startling announcement that he was the Christ, and that if they would call their neighbors

and friends together he would make known to them the object of his mission. By the next day a considerable number were gathered together, when he proceeded to tell them that he was Jesus, who had been crucified and risen from the dead. To confirm their credulity, he asked if they did not remember the great earthquake which they had a few years before (1886), and if they were not all shaken at that time? Said he, 'that shaking was produced by my coming. You have been praying for my coming. I am now come, and there is no need to pray any more; no necessity of planting or doing anything more, but to get ready; that the world would come to an end in August, and that as Moses led the Israelites into the promised land, so in about forty days he would lead them to Jerusalem. He told them the people would soon rise against him and have a Sanhedrim court, and would cast him out as they did before, but it would make no difference if they would only stand up to him.

This he did from day to day. The congregations continued to increase. The colored people flocked from all the surrounding country. In a few weeks he had between two and three hundred followers. A bush arbor was first erected near the junction of the Riceboro and McIntosh roads, under which they met for awhile, but afterwards they removed to Mr. Walthour's 'Homestead Place,' a few miles farther back in the country, where they met every day under two majestic live oaks, covering at least a quarter of an acre of ground where they had a box placed termed 'The Ark,' and into it the people deposited all their money which they had been told was now useless. The people became almost frantic with excitement. The nearest surrounding churches were drawn heavily upon, and for the time even threatened with extinction, as Bell had told them that their pastors were imposing upon

them, robbing them and preaching only for money for which he gave them no authority, as he himself went without money or scrip.

The people became deluded with the belief that Bell was the Christ from his singular appearance, his wonderful knowledge of the scriptures, and also his pretended power to work miracles; for on one occasion, when walking along the road, said he, to a crowd following him: 'Did not Christ, when on earth, convert water into wine?' Hand me half a dollar. He took the money and put it into a tin bucket which one of them had, then shaking the bucket turned it upon the ground, when lo, by a dexterous turn, a dollar rolled out, which was accepted as a genuine miracle by his admiring followers.

His power over them was truly marvelous. Indeed he seemed to have had perfect control, they holding themselves in readiness to do his every bidding. In obedience to his behest they ceased working, neglected their farms, sold their goods, and lived together upon the proceeds.

By the middle of August their proceedings became so disorderly and riotous, and the community so demoralized, that the sober people, both white and colored, felt that something must be done to arrest the evil, as it had become a standing menace to the continuance of good order, for they had not only abandoned their homes and farms, but many of them had begun to show signs of mental aberration. Whereupon a warrant of vagrancy was sworn out against said Bell. He was arrested by the sheriff and carried to Flemington before the magistrate, Captain W. A. Fleming, for commitment trial. He was carried in a buggy, guarded by officers and armed men, to prevent disturbance. The negroes followed their Christ, as they termed him, in crowds.

Instead of trying him at that time, the magistrate appointed a day for hearing the case at McIntosh station. As the prisoner was carried back, the crowd followed frantically shouting, singing and crying; "This is our Jesus, who was nailed to the tree." Before the day of the trial it was thought best to change the form of the warrant from vagrancy to that of lunacy, as it was obvious that Bell was deranged. A jury was accordingly summoned, and upon a formal trial in August, 1889, he was adjudged non compos mentis, and a short while afterwards sent to the asylum at Milledgeville, Ga., where he still remains confined.

After Bell's sentence and before leaving for the asylum, he appointed his right hand man and counselor, Edward James, at that time a magistrate, as his successor, and left everything in his hands, with full authority to carry on the government till his return which, he said, would be in a very short time. Bell had told the people that his spirit would return and probably in the person and form of a colored man, and as James claimed to have the spirit of Bell, they believed him and were therefore ready to accord him all honor and authority, and which he was not slow to receive, and which he resigned his magistracy to accept. For a short time James carried it with a high hand, and issuing orders which were implicitly obeyed. In obedience to his orders the people continued to cast their silver into the ark, which none of them dared touch, as Bell had assured them that the person touching the same would instantly be smitten of the Lord. Upon David James endeavoring to get his brother Edward away, the people in their fury fell upon one Samuel Carter, who had accompanied him, and beat him quite severely. In a general melee that followed, some outside parties, who were more under the influence of cupidity than feelings of piety, stole all the money and carried it off. Soon after this James was arrested

and tried on charge of Lunacy and adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Milledgeville, where he died.

Under and in connection with his leadership rose one Shadrach Walthour, who, often hearing Bell speak of Solomon's greatness, vainly imagined himself to be that personage, and therefore styled himself as 'King Solomon,' and by which appellation he was generally recognized. But unfortunately for this would be king, he was soon arrested under the charge of disorderly conduct, and placed in the county jail at Hinesville, where, while awaiting his trial, he suddenly and rather mysteriously died. The jailer was thought to be the cause of his death and was afterwards tried under the charge of murder, but was acquitted.

After the arrest of 'King Solomon,' the government and leadership were left in the hands of Ellen Roberts, as 'Queen Mary,' or 'Virgin Mary,' or 'Queen of Sheba,' as she was variously styled. And under this appellation, and under her more gentle sway, the affairs of the society were conducted until the close.

Upon the removal of Bell all restraint seemed to be removed, and such orgies and abominations practiced as hardly to be believed. Eyewitnesses say that the picture can hardly be overdrawn. Among other things they were even charged with laying aside the marital vow under the delusive idea of having 'things in common.' But we draw the vail over this part of the proceedings.

With Bell, their Christ, and his deputy, James, both in the asylum; with Solomon, their king, under arrest and held in 'durance vile' for misdemeanor, and with several of their prominent leaders

hopelessly insane, and the strong arm of the law beginning to assert its authority, the delusion gradually fell out of view. Though for a time, it was said, they still had a queen to whom they secretly did homage. The craze, like a passing storm, shook mightily for awhile some of the churches of the neighborhood. The Congregational near by, but especially the two Baptists at Newport, and the Methodist at McIntosh, were for a time considerably brought under the influence of this ecclesiastical maelstrom.

Concerning this delusion we have to say:

1. That Bell was obviously a crazy man, and therefore we are not to be astonished at any of his hallucinations and vagaries.

2. That while this was the case, it nevertheless cannot but be a matter of considerable astonishment that he obtained such a large following, and especially in such a county, where so much had been done for the religious instruction of the negroes, and it is only on this account that it is worthy of notice, especially as it might, and has been used, as an argument against the work of the churches in behalf of this race.

3. Truth and justice to the sainted dead, to Dr. Jones and his coadjutors, who so faithfully labored for their spiritual welfare demand the statement that very few, if any, of the regular descendants of the old Midway people were led off by the delusion or took any part in those scenes. And this was especially true of those who had lived around the old church, of which Rev. J. T. H. Waite was pastor, and which is now Presbyterian. The same is also true of the Presbyterian church, on the other side, at Riceboro, of which Rev. B. L. Glenn, colored, was

pastor. The greatest drain was upon the congregations and churches above enumerated.

From these two facts we see:

First, the utter unfairness of declaring that the work among the colored people was a failure.

And secondly, the wisdom of Dr. C. C. Jones and others, in not encouraging the separate organization of the colored people into a separate church of their own. The question of a separate and independent church for the colored people, with only colored ministers and without any aid or oversight from the white race, under present environments at least, may be regarded as still an open one.

3. A third inference is the entire suitability of the Presbyterian form of government for the illiterate and uneducated. The church of Mr. Glenn (Presbyterian) was not at all disturbed by the commotion, having lost none of its members, whilst that of Mr. Waite on the other side, lost but a few, and only temporarily. The government of a congregation, by an intelligent board of officers, with an educated minister and well taught and trained elders, is rational and effective, as well as in harmony with the general teaching of the scripture. To leave that government in the hands of an ignorant and untrained populace, is to leave it in a state of insecurity, with room for considerable swing in any direction.

4. Our final remark is, that the most astonishing things in connection with the whole matter is that the scene of these outrageous proceedings was, as already hinted, almost within sight, and under the very shadow of a large flourishing institution erected for the colored people. In justice to said institution,

however, let it be said:

1. That the teachers were away at the time, having returned to the North, whither they go every summer on account of health during the sickly season. Their presence might have done much in way of restraint.

2. Whatever might be said of the church and congregation, I have no knowledge of the fact that any of the pupils of said institution ever took any part in those proceedings.

3. The institution had hardly been in existence long enough to permeate all classes with its refining and elevating influences, as to shield a whole district from such an inroad. The elevation of a people from a state of ignorance and servitude must be necessarily slow. If Bell had deferred his visit till now, he might have not been so successful in securing followers.

CHAPTER XII

SPECIAL EVENTS — REVIVALS

Though not in the habit of holding protracted meetings, yet the church has frequently been visited with the outpouring of the Spirit and precious seasons of revival. The following account of some of these revivals is from the pen of Rev. T.S. Winn, a native of the county, and for seven years co-pastor of the church:

Stewart Station, Ala., Jan. 14, 1895.

Dear Bro. Stacy:—Some few weeks ago you wrote me, asking of me some account of the previous seasons of revival of religion that had occurred in my day, in connection with the old Midway church, of Liberty county, Ga. I have thought over the matter and will give you a brief statement of some of the facts as my memory can recall them.

1. The first of those "seasons of revivals" of which I have any distinct recollection occurred at Midway about 1827, the pastor, Rev. Robert Quarterman, being assisted, I think, by Dr. Joseph Stiles, then in the prime of his manhood. Being then a little boy and not an eye witness, I will tell it as reported to me by some of the older ones of the community. It was spoken of as a meeting of uncommon power, bringing into the church such persons as Messrs. John B. Mallard, Samuel Spencer, Sr., Ezra Stacy, Rev. James Dunwoody, and many others, who afterwards led very useful lives.

Among the persons greatly moved by that meeting was a relative of mine, who was so much troubled that for months it was feared by his friends that he would lose his balance of mind. In the

midst of it he visited my mother, and in the silent hours of the night on his bed he obtained a hope of salvation through Christ. Arousing the family he sent a half mile distant for Mr. Thomas Mallard, an aged deacon of the church, to come and hear the glad tidings, "and there was joy in that city." I was then a little boy lying on my bed, and not understanding the import of what was going on around I witnessed the most touching scene of my life. It reminds me of "Paul and Silas at midnight in the prison of Phillippi singing praises unto God." To my youthful mind, it seemed mysteriously wonderful and sublimely beautiful. This people in those days were greatly in earnest and made no child's play of religion. In speaking of the meeting many years after, I heard Mr. Stiles tell of two deadly enemies meeting in the aisles of the church in the presence of the congregation embracing and becoming reconciled.

2. The second one of those revivals of religion, and this one under my own observation, occurred at Walthourville, then a branch of the Midway Congregation, probably about the year 1832. That meeting was begun by Mr. Stiles, and in a week or so after was renewed by Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D., and finally closed by Rev. Josiah Law, of the Baptist church. In all, it must have lasted several weeks, and was a mighty outpouring of the Spirit's influence. I can think of such persons as Messrs. John E. Ward, Peter Winn, Augustus Bacon, Patrick H. Mell, Charles West, Jr., Josiah Dunham, of Darien, and many other promising young men who were professedly converted. Several of them became ministers of the gospel or occupied other high positions in life. Its influence on the village was very happy. The meeting lasted several weeks. The exercises began every day with a sunrise prayer-meeting at the church.

3. The third one of these revivals of religion was at Midway in December of the same year, when the pastor, Mr. Quarterman, was assisted at least in the first part of the services by such ministers as Rev. Horace Pratt, Messrs. Engles, and Dwight, of middle Georgia, Rev. Samuel Law, (Baptist), and by Rev. S. J. Cassels, who did most of the preaching. Mr. Cassels was then in the bloom of youthful vigor, and preached with energy, pathos, eloquence, and holy zeal, as I have never seen surpassed. It began as a simple three days' meeting, but so great was the interest soon manifested, that many sent home for provisions and bedding and camped on the ground, the only such meeting ever held at that place. No where else have I ever seen such religious interest as was manifested on that occasion. From early dawn to eleven o'clock at night it was prayer, praise, exhortation, and preaching, either in private tents or in the public sanctuary. The very ground to me seemed holy. I remember one cold night the whole congregation were on their knees, supplicating mercy for themselves and others, excepting myself, then a little boy, and three gentlemen, who said they were "waiting for feeling." We four would have gladly joined the host, but "Satan hindered." There I learned what a sad thing it is to be in a small wrong minority left out in the cold—how painful. We certainly were not a happy minority. "One shall be taken and the other left."

I remember Mr. John Dunwoody as especially active as an exhorting layman; and old man Sharper, the colored preacher, was not idle. Assembling his people under a bush arbor he thundered forth the law and the gospel by day and by night. It was one of the most remarkable revivals, I presume, that ever occurred in Georgia. Mr. Cassels, who seemed to be the leading spirit there, accomplished probably the greatest work of his life. Its influence on the

county was most favorable. For years after, there seemed to be a silent work of grace going on all of the time. At that meeting such persons as Messrs. S. M. Varnedoe, John Jones, Miss Hannah West, Miss Susan Wilson, Dr. J. H. Hardee, R. Q. Way, Joseph W. Bacon, and Dr. J. M. B. Harden, with a great many more of like sort were brought into the fold of Christ; some of them, may be all, shining bright to the end of life.

4. The fourth revival took place at Flemington, probably about the year 1836, under the ministrations of Rev. Robert Quarterman, senior pastor of the church, then residing at that place, when such persons as Mr. T. Q. Cassels, Col. Artemas Baker, Capt. Moody, Mrs. Sarah Baker, Miss Mary Bacon, Miss Mary Quarterman, and a goodly number of other important ones were brought into the kingdom of Christ.

That revival was deep, pungent, powerful, and lasting; though it was noiseless, and hardly heard of at the time beyond the precincts of the village. It began and continued under the ordinary means of grace, and was purely a work of divine power, with very little of human agency visible. It continued more or less for a whole year, and probably called forth not a single extra public service. I doubt very much if the village of Flemington has to this day lost the hallowed influence of that precious season of unusual grace. It made them notable for spirituality as a branch of the large Midway congregation.

5. The fifth of those special seasons of revival, of which I have a distinct recollection occurred at Walthourville again under the preaching of Dr. Stiles. Its influence seemed to have been confined mostly to the young ladies of Miss Pyncheon's

school, the boys and young men, in the main, standing aloof and sometimes opposing and ridiculing.

I remember one Sabbath night, Dr. Stiles, after preaching, held in the church an inquiry meeting for the interested ones, which was attended only by the young ladies, the boys and wild young men standing about the doors of the church making many disparaging remarks. Mr. Stiles, I presume, hearing all that was said, through others, the next night in the conclusion of his sermon, left the pulpit and standing on the bottom step in a few feet of where the youngsters were congregated, repeated to them all that had been said, and then poured on them a volume of the most scathing rebuke I ever listened to, all to the delight of the congregation in general, but to the terror of the boys. Fired with holy indignation and love for souls, he gave them a tongue lashing that they never forgot. Sitting myself amongst them, though in truth innocent, I never felt so guilty in my life. The address was about fifteen minutes in length, but it seemed to me to have been more than fifteen hours. It was like one of John Randolph's scathing congressional lashings of his opponents in the halls of the National Assembly. In short, it withered all before it. Self condemned, I never after that night, heard one of the youngsters make a complaint or utter a disparaging remark about the great divine. They were too badly wounded to show fight.

The meeting was happy in its results on the young ladies, bringing many of them "to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus," as Miss Drusilla Louis, Miss Mary W. Manning, and others of like character. That was the last sermon I heard from Dr. Stiles. He left the village next morning, but not before taking the fort, and so far as I know never returned to preach in the county until sent there

twenty-two years after as an evangelist, by the Synod of Georgia. He too, like Mr. Cassels, did a great work for Liberty county, perhaps more than any other of his day. His converts were everywhere. I remember many of his sermons to this day, through a lapse of sixty-five years. He certainly signalized his departure from us by his tongue lashing of the boys in the corner of the church, a place then familiarly known as the "Bull pen." "The young bullocks, long unaccustomed to the yoke" were tamed that night. Like Samson of old, his last was his greatest work.

That meeting, I think, was in 1834 or 1835. The impression which that man left on my youthful mind, from his numerous ministrations in the Midway congregation was, that he was a prince among preachers, the most consecrated and holy, the most unselfish and noble minded, and the greatest intellect that the United States ever produced. And nothing has since occurred to change my opinion. Peace be to his ashes.

6. I will mention another precious season, not so fruitful in immediate results, but pleasant to contemplate. In the summer of 1838 Messrs. S. J. Cassels and the saintly and lovely George Howe, being on a visit to friends in the county, commenced a meeting in Walthourville, Messrs. Quarterman and I. S. K. Axson, D. D., being then co-pastors of the Midway church. In their beautiful discourses they gave us 'a feast of fat things.' On Sabbath night of the meeting Mr. Cassels preached one of his most interesting sermons from a text in John 3:12. After the close of the services my old friend and kinsman, Mr. Thos. W. Fleming, hastened to the pulpit and entreated with tears in his eyes that

the meeting be continued, for the benefit of his own unconverted kindred according to the flesh. The ministers were willing to go on, but on consultation with some of the older members, it was deemed advisable to stop just there. I have often thought it was a happy opportunity left unimproved. They stopped where they ought to have begun, for the general interest was beginning to be very great. Many of the dry bones in the valley were being stirred. I remember that mine were in a quiescent state, and the stopping of the meeting was somewhat of a relief to some.

But if the voice of the preacher was silenced, the work of the Spirit went on. Impressions then made, under the after ordinary means of grace, brought a goodly number of the unconverted into the kingdom of Christ; such as Mrs. John B. Barnard, Mrs. Jesse Cooper, Mrs. Mary Leonard. There was a general noiseless religious awakening throughout the community that told in time. The precious seed sown yielded its fruit in God's own way and time.

7, But I can not stop yet. There is another great work of grace to tell of in connection with the old church of our fathers. In the month of December, 1841, Messrs. Quarterman and Axson, still co-pastors, held a meeting at Midway, in connection with their fall communion season, which resulted in glorious things. It was but little, if any, inferior in fruit to the camp meeting of 1831. It shook the strong holds of Satan, bringing into the church such old veterans as Col. William Maxwell, Capt. Joseph Jones, Mr. Irwin Rahn, John Andrews, Joseph M. Quarterman, and many noble ladies. People were so enthused, that during the meeting they seemed loth to leave the place after the services of the day were closed. I saw scores of them standing around

the church door in a drizzling rain talking of the great things God had done for them and theirs. One might go into the graveyard during the intermission of services and he would see ladies in little groups falling on their knees in prayer. At the next communion in February, 1842, including the colored people, there were between fifty and sixty accessions to the church. In this meeting the pastors, aided chiefly by Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., did the preaching for the occasion.

Previous to this, Midway as a preaching station was rather lagging behind. It had begun to be a question if it were not better to remove the church to some of the villages in the county. But that meeting reinstated her in the affections of the people, and restored the departing prestige of olden times, which she held to the close of the civil war. The centripetal force prevailed over the centrifugal, and Midway again stood erect in her position of solemn grandeur among the churches of the world.

8. From that time to the fall of 1848, I cannot recall any season of special revival in the church. But at the close of the year last named there was a meeting of great interest at Midway, and many additions were made to the church, under the preaching of Messrs. B. F. Burroughs and S. J. Cassels. It was considered a precious season. Mr. Cassels then wasting away by the consumptive fever, preached as a dying man to dying men, and greatly moved the masses. It was his last effort in connection with protracted meetings on earth, and it was well done.

9. Some time about the year 1852 or 1853, the senior pastor of the church, Rev. I. S. K. Axson, D. D., was laid aside and hindered from preaching by a serious protracted affection of the throat. All the responsibilities of the large church falling on

the shoulders of the junior pastor, ¹ he was naturally intimidated and began casting about on the right and left looking for help. Just then, in the nick of time, appearing in our midst Rev. Daniel Baker, D. D. then living in Texas. It was a return to his native home after an absence of seventeen years, then in the sixty-third year of his age, with his eye undimmed and his natural force unabated. Ever ready to preach, he was at once put into service, and, in the course of about two weeks preached every day and night in all parts of the congregation, at Midway, Dorchester, North Newport, (Baptist) Walthourville and Flemington.

As might be expected, the magic power of his name drew crowds everywhere to his preaching, and the people generally were greatly aroused. Though there did not immediately follow any great accession to the church from the white population, the colored people at once caught the spirit of the earnest preaches, and were most wonderfully moved, and continued so for at least two years, up to the time of my departure from the community in February, 1855. It seemed to be a genuine revival of religion among themselves. During these two years they came all the time, late at nights, from the surrounding plantations to me and to others appointed for the purpose, to receive religious instruction. I think the records of the church will show that between March, 1853, and March, 1855, there were one hundred and fifty or possibly two hundred accessions to the church from that class of the population.

10. As already stated, in response to a call from Alabama, I resigned my pastoral connection with Midway church and left about the last of Feb-

1. The Writer.

ruary, 1855. About a week after my departure, the church being then under the pastoral care of Rev. D. L. Buttolph, D. D., there was a meeting at Midway of very great power, when there were large accessions to the church. Not being present, I know nothing of the interesting events connected therewith. I think Dr. B. M. Palmer, then on a visit to the place, was the leading spirit of the meeting. They told me of strong men trembling under the power of the truth as proclaimed by him.

I have thus given you in compliance with your request, some of the chief items of the "precious revivals in old Midway church," as happened during my residence in that county. With the exception of a few occasional visits to the home of my nativity, an absence of forty years forbids any further attempt in that line.

Perhaps it is proper for me in conclusion to add, that the people of the Midway congregation were never strong advocates for protracted meetings. In the main they were rather afraid of them. They preferred a slower and lesser growth. They relied mostly on the ordinary means of grace, backed by judicious home government and instruction. Most of the protracted meetings mentioned in this paper of mine were not appointments of the church, or the pastor, but grew out of circumstances over which the members and officers had no control. In fact, they were the followings of the leadings of Providence. Minister or no minister present, they kept the sanctuary open every Sabbath. Bible classes, Sunday-schools, prayer meetings, and catechetical instruction, were the order of the day. Her strength and secret of success lay mostly in the orderly and faithful family government of her people. "Train up a child in the way in which he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Without this home

influence her great meetings would never have been half so successful.

But it is sad to think that the things I have been relating are now things of the past, and that the doors of the old organization as handed down to us by our fathers are now closed. You have well said, "It is a theme for the poet and subject for the pen of the historian." And under present circumstances it now devolves upon you to take the pen of the historian and complete the record.

Yours Fraternally,
T. SUMNER WINN.

CHAPTER XIII

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The church, always liberal in her contributions and ever ready for every good work, seemed in her later history to be especially interested in the cause of Foreign Missions. For a number of years the monthly concert of prayer was kept up regularly at the different retreats, at which time, in addition to appropriate exercises collections were taken up in behalf of the cause. As the result of regular systematic training, and in answer to the many prayers offered, God put it in the hearts of several of her people to offer themselves as missionaries to foreign fields. The first of these to go out were the Rev. R. Q. Way and wife, who were accepted by the Presbyterian Board as missionaries to Bangkok, Siam. We must not forget that to go as missionary then was not so easy a thing as now. There were no steamships to shorten the time, no Suez canal to lessen the distance, no railroads or telegraphs to facilitate or enliven the journey. The slow sailing vessel must be used. The cape of Good Hope must be doubled, and long weary months spent at sea, entirely cut off from the outside world. To go as missionary then was virtually to bid a final adieu to home and country and friends. Just before their leaving a farewell meeting was held at Midway on Sunday, August 27, 1843. The writer was present, being then a boy, and well remembers the scene and the deep emotion that moved the entire congregation. An account of it was prepared by Dr. C. C. Jones and published over the signature "Subscriber," in the Charleston Observer of that date, which I here copy.

Riceboro, Liberty County, Ga.

August 29, 1843.

Rev. B. Gildersleeve.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—It was my privilege to attend upon the last Sabbath (27th) one of those meetings with which Almighty God is favoring his churches in different parts of our country, as well for their own as for the welfare of the perishing heathen. It was the meeting of the Midway church and congregation on the departure of two of their members as missionaries. I cannot forego the satisfaction of forwarding to you an account of that meeting, although I am sure I cannot convey to your mind an adequate conception of it.

The day was aptly chosen. It was the regular communion Sabbath. At an early hour the roads leading to the old church, so hallowed in the religious association of the people of the country, were filled with carriages and gigs and crowds of negroes on foot and on horseback, all converging with haste to the sanctuary of God. At 10 A. M., the bell struck and we were engaged in a prayer-meeting, conducted by the members of the church, until eleven, when the bell struck again and the congregation assembled again for public worship. The dense mass of negro communicants occupied the galleries while the lower floor was occupied by the whites, collected from different parts of the country and from different denominations of Christians. The Rev. C. C. Jones preached on the assurance of faith from II. Timothy 1:10-11. At the close of the sermon the junior co-pastor of the church, Rev. I. S. K. Axson, admitted and baptized four negroes. The communion service was then administered by Mr. Jones and himself, both making brief addresses to

the communicants. The morning exercises were concluded by a prayer for the baptized children of the church and with a doxology.

After a brief intermission, the bell rung and we again assembled in the house of God. This was the farewell meeting. Mr. Richard Way was in the pulpit and took his text from Acts XX:21. Silence pervaded the house, and from these noble, decided words of Paul, he delivered an address characterized by simplicity, earnestness and piety, which conveyed to his brethren and friends the conviction of his own mind and the impressions of his own heart, in respect to that great work to which he believed himself called of God. His closing remarks and his request for the sympathy of the church, and his final farewell were followed by intense feeling which found vent in tears from the whole congregation. The choir sang an appropriate hymn. Mr. Way came down and took his seat in the left pew from the face of the pulpit. Mr. Axson rose and delivered an address in which he took a brief sketch of the Apostle Paul, the nobleness of the missionary work, the honor which God had put upon the church in choosing two of its members to go far hence to the Gentiles, and the great duty of the church to cherish more and more the missionary spirit; and then in behalf of the church and congregation, he expressed their sympathy, confidence and affection towards Mr. and Mrs. Way, and their desire ever to remember them at the throne of grace; their hope that God had called them to this work, would be with and sustain them even unto death, and crown their lives with usefulness. "The last act was now to be performed," said he, "my brethren, in the name of this church and congregation, and by their request and direction I now extend to you my hand, and say farewell."

The negroes in the gallery, who had risen up

as the interest of the services increased, leaned forward with the tears running down their cheeks, the congregation all below bowed with emotion; the weeping became audible. We remained in this state for about a minute, when Mr. Jones concluded by prayer in which the missionaries were solemnly and earnestly commended to God. On being dismissed I observed the ministers and members go up and shake hands with them in tears. No words were spoken, and we separated in silence. It was a day long to be remembered in this church. Although God has raised up many ministers from its own bosom, yet these are the first missionaries to the heathen.

The wife of Mr. Way is a daughter of the senior minister of the church, Rev. Robert Quarterman who, from the state of his feelings, was unable to take any part in the services of the day. Mrs. and Mr. Way were both baptized in infancy at the very foot of that pulpit, where afterwards they entered into covenant with God for themselves; where they often sat at the table of the Lord; and where now they stood and gave themselves to God's service in a far distant land, and stood trusting in the promise of the Savior, "Lo, I will be with you always, even unto the end of the world," Farewell to home and kindred forever. They were known to everybody, by many from infancy. Is there nothing in these associations? What chord was struck in the meeting? Only a natural sympathy? No; it was the chord of Christian sympathy, that we felt a love for our young brother and sister. We felt a love for Christ whom they served; we felt a love for the perishing heathen, for the cause they had, by the grace of God, taken in hand. We wept to say farewell. We sorrowed that we could see their faces no more. But we bade them God-speed. We rejoiced over them. We gave them up to God as his chosen messengers to carry that gospel, from which we

cherished all the comfort and all our joy, to those of our fellowmen, who are sitting in the region and shadow of death. With me unite in the prayer and say, O, that God would grant such meetings often to this church and to every church in our southern land. Why sleeps the spirit of missions among us? Why are we not consecrating our sons and our daughters to this holy work of God? Have we nothing to do in encouraging the world? Let it be proclaimed with the voice of a trumpet, that churches which live only for themselves shall die to themselves. No, let the word be altered, they shall die within themselves. It is the spirit of missions, the very spirit of the Lord Jesus which will breathe into them life, liberality and energy. It is not to be questioned that this meeting will be blest to the Midway church and congregation, indeed to the whole country.

There is one missionary already in the east from this country, the Rev. Edward Stevens, of the Baptist church. He went out several years since, a young man of piety and great promise, as a missionary. He was a member of the Sunbury Baptist church. It is said Mr. Way and himself will be about one hundred miles apart.

On Monday morning at six o'clock a prayer-meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. Way by their relatives and friends at Jonesville, one of the summer retreats of the county, which was their last interview with them. At eleven or twelve o'clock they took the stage and left the county first, for Columbia, S. C., where Mr. Way will be ordained, and then north, to embark for Siam.

Very respectfully, yours,
SUBSCRIBER.

As stated above, Mr. and Mrs. Way started on their journey on the Monday following. Not long af-

ter their arrival at Columbia, Mr. Way, who was a licentiate of Charleston Presbytery, licensed April 8th, was ordained by them in September, and went directly on to New York, from whence expecting to sail; but no vessel offering for Siam, they went to Boston, from whence they embarked November 18th in a sailing vessel for the island of Java. After waiting there in vain two months for a vessel for Siam and none appearing, they left in a Dutch vessel for Singapore, where they remained two months. There learning through Mr. and Mrs. Buell, the only missionaries of Siam, who were leaving on account of Mrs. Buell's health, that the mission there was broken up, they changed their course for China, and reached Macoa; where meeting Rev. M. W. Lowrie and other missionaries, they determined to settle at Ningpo, which place they reached November, 1844, just twelve months after sailing from Boston. While at Singapore their eldest child was born unto them.

About two years after the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Way, Rev. John Winn Quarterman, son of Rev. Robert Quarterman, and brother of Mrs. Way, joined them in the mission, where he faithfully labored till his death October 14, 1857.

The following have also gone as missionaries:

Rev. William LeConte, son of Louis LeConte, Jr., who went as missionary to Brazil in the winter of 1872, and after four years' service died at Washington, D. C., November, 1876.

Rev. Thos. Clay Winn and his sister, Miss Harriet Louisa Winn, the son and daughter of Rev. John Winn, and both missionaries to Japan. The former was born at Flemington June 29, 1851, ordained in 1874, and went out the same fall to Japan, under

the Presbyterian Board, and has been there ever since. His station is Kanazawa, on the northwest coast five miles from the sea. The latter, also born at Flemington, May 14, 1853, went to China in 1873, and after twelve years' service as a missionary of the Dutch Reformed Board in Yokohoma, married a prosperous silk merchant of that city, and now resides there.

In addition to these, I mention the name of Mrs. Jennie Woodbridge, the daughter of Dr. James Woodrow, grand-daughter of Rev. J. W. Baker, one of the Liberty county ministers, and wife of Rev. Samuel I. Woodbridge, missionary to Japan.

Also, that of Miss Mary Leila Winn, daughter of Rev. Thomas Sumner and Mary (Quarterman) Winn, who was born in Hale county, Alabama, August 12, 1861, and went as missionary to Japan in 1882, under the Dutch Reformed Church, where she has now been laboring for sixteen years.

Thus, including Dr. Abiel Stevens, Baptist missionary to Burmah, whose parents were members at Midway at the time of his birth, and had him dedicated to the Lord in baptism, the old church has the honor of sending out directly and through her descendants, nine missionaries to foreign fields, five men and four ladies, viz: Rev. Dr. Stevens, Rev. R. Q. Way, Rev. John Winn Quarterman, Rev. William LeConte, Rev. Thomas Clay Winn, and Mrs. Way, Miss Harriet Louisa Winn, Mrs. Woodbridge, and Miss Mary Leila Winn, the list being wholly exclusive of Rev. John Winn and wife, who offered themselves and were accepted as foreign missionaries by the Presbyterian Board, but were prevented from going on account of the ill health of Mrs. Winn, as elsewhere stated.

CHAPTER XIV

THE GRAVE YARD

The day after the arrival of Messrs. Bacon and Baker, the pioneers of the colony, Mrs. Susannah Baker, the wife of Mr. Benjamin Baker, died. The place of her sepulture is unknown. Perhaps she is sleeping alone in one of the fields, or perchance by some roadside. The present cemetery was doubtless not laid off until after the permanent location of the meeting house in 1756. The cemetery lies west of the church and immediately across the public road. It is enclosed with a solid substantial brick wall, six feet high, eighteen inches thick, and with outstanding pilasters every twenty-four feet, with an iron gate. As early as March, 1800, the question of enclosing the yard was agitated, and the Society authorized the select men to secure an addition to the ground and arrange for a brick enclosure. At the annual meeting in 1807 a committee, consisting of Messrs. James Powell, Daniel Stewart and Peter Winn, was appointed to open a subscription and arrange for its construction. Not, however, until about 1813 was the work completed. The estimated cost was \$2,600.00, to which was added \$165.00 to have the same covered with a coat of plastering to preserve the brick. The iron gate was presented by the Independent Troop, the money with which it was bought being won in a tilt at Savannah at one of the Squadron parades.

The plot of ground, though added to when the wall was built, is considerably less than two acres, and yet how many graves, and what precious dust lie commingled there. The Records show that at least twelve hundred persons have died during the one hundred and thirteen years of the church's existence, nearly all of whom are buried in that



MIDWAY CEMETERY.

small place. Here lie entombed the remains of one governor, Nathan Brownson; one senator, John Elliott; one commodore, John McIntosh; two generals, James Screven, and Daniel Stewart; one Lieutenant United States Army, but Confederate captain at the time of his death, L. R. McConnell;¹ eleven ministers of the gospel, besides a host of the most pious and consecrated men and women that have ever lived. I seriously doubt, if considering the size of the cemetery, the time of burial, and number of interments, a greater amount of precious consecrated dust can be found in any other acre upon the surface of the globe.

The following are the ministers buried there:

1. Rev. John Osgood, Congregational, died Aug. 2, 1773.
2. Rev. Stephen Hoyt, Congregational, died Sept. 10, 1803.
3. Rev. Thomas S. Winn, Baptist, died Jan. 27, 1819.
4. Rev. James C. Cosby, Presbyterian, died Nov. 27, 1837.
5. Rev. Augustus O. Bacon, Baptist, died July 3, 1839.
6. Rev. Peter Winn, Presbyterian, died Jan. 18, 1847.
7. Rev. Robert Quarterman, Pres., died April 19, 1849.
8. Rev. Sam'l J. Cassels, Presbyterian, died June 15, 1853.
9. Rev. Henry J. Stevens, Baptist, died Oct. 10, 1854.

1. Buried outside the south wall. A movement was on foot to enlarge the yard at the commencement of the war, and several families had commenced burying without.

10. Rev. Moses Way, Methodist, died Dec. 12, 1859.
11. Rev. Chas. C. Jones, D. D., Pres., died March 16, 1863.

The yard contains quite a number of substantial and even elegant monuments. Here may be seen the family vaults of Hon. John Elliott and James Powell. Here the tomb of John Lambert, the philanthropist, who, though dead, is still living in his benefactions. Here is buried Mr. Louis LeConte, the father of the celebrated professors, John and Joseph LeConte, a man characterized as much for his scientific research as his modest unassuming character, and who, with least encouragement on his part, could have been elected Professor of Natural Science in the State University. Here is buried that remarkable man, John Quarterman, one of the original settlers, from whom have descended twenty-two ministers, four of whom, with two ladies, were missionaries to foreign fields. Here rest the remains of that "mother in Israel," Mrs. Eliza Winn, the mother and grandmother of four ministers, and two foreign missionaries. Here rest, sleeping side side, the father and mother of United States Senator Augustus O. Bacon. Here lies buried Mrs. Araminta Gildersleeve, the wife of the Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, whose many virtues her husband has embalmed in the following lines upon her tombstone:

"She, who in Jesus sleeps beneath this tomb,
Had Rachel's face, and Leah's fruitful womb,
Abigail's wisdom, Lydia's faithful heart,
And Martha's care, with Mary's better part."

Among the many young people who lie sleeping in this camping house of the dead is the tomb of a young man who died in early manhood, of heart disease, after several years of declining health, a-

round whose life clustered much interest and in whose tomb many fond hopes were buried. The young man was Macon Baker, the son of Mr. W. Q. Baker, born May 11, 1829, and brother of several ministers of that name. The deepest interest was felt for him by the entire community. The ground of the interest was the fact that though clearly marked as an early victim of the tomb, he was not a professor of religion which stirred many a pious heart with earnest desire for his salvation. Just before his death, which occurred Nov. 21, 1852, he composed the following lines, which not only showed the struggle going on in his own mind, but furnished ground for the hope that he obtained the victory before he died:

"Why, oh why, is this oppression?
Why this load upon my breast?
Nothing makes a right impression,
Nothing sets my heart at rest.

"My bosom seems in strange commotion,
Contending passions mar my peace:
My spirit's like the restless ocean,
Oh, who can bid this storm to cease?

" 'Tis too late. No one may ever
Set at ease my troubled heart.
Bid me not to hope it; never
Will my anxious fears depart.

"No, those fears are too well grounded,
This you'll find when 'tis too late;
Question not a heart that's wounded,
'Twill only hasten its sad fate.

"Why, oh why, O God of nature,
An immortal spirit give
To so weak, so vile a creature,
Lest it be with Thee to live?

"May I not yet hope to see Thee,
Heavenly Father, God of love?
Wilt Thou not, oh, Father, free me
From my guilt, my sin remove?"

"Yes, Thou wilt, for Thou hast said it,
'Tis recorded in thy word;
There full often have I read it,
To Thy will I bow, O, Lord."

March 6, 1851.

The yard is draped with a grove of moss-covered trees. Upon the northern side, and just within the wall stands a majestic Live Oak, which measures nineteen feet in circumference, with the drapery of long moss hanging in sad funereal folds,



OLD OAK IN MIDWAY GRAVE YARD.

fit emblem of the place. Under its outspreading foliage and covering at least a quarter of an acre, several families have enclosures for their dead. Beneath and close to the trunk of this oak may be seen the tomb of Dr. Abner Porter, a native of Virginia, and practicing physician, with his office at Riceboro, who committed suicide February 6, 1808, in the thirty-fourth year of his age by severing the femoral artery. The occasion for this rash and sad deed, it is said, was the fact of his being repulsed in his attentions and offer of his hand in matrimony, by one of the fair dames of the neighborhood. The tomb is very much lifted by the increasing size of the growing roots.

There is something else concerning this resting place of the dead worthy of note. Among the



HEAD AND FOOT PIECE ERECTED IN 1770, STILL STADING, 1899.

monuments, there are some head and foot pieces of pine and cypress wood that have been, and are still standing in the ground, over one hundred years. I have a piece of one of them now before me, that stood in the ground from 1776 to 1889, one hundred and thirteen years, the interior portion being still hard and firm. For the past 50 years the preservation of these pieces have excited the wonder and astonishment of every one who visits the ground.

But time has commenced doing its work. It fills the heart with intense sadness to visit the old spot and see the decay that is going on. For twenty years the old church building was given the colored people, the only compensation required being that they should care for the cemetery. During that time the yard became very much neglected. Many of the monuments were allowed to fall; others were upturned by trees growing up beside them. In the burning of limbs and rubbish and grass, many of the monuments were smoked and greatly marred, in so much that at the end of that time the contract was rescinded and the church used only by the whites at the annual reunions in March. The cemetery now presents much of a neglected appearance; many of the inscriptions being wholly illegible on account of a covering of moss, which has been accumulating upon them. No one, however, can visit the place and look upon the old church, standing solitary and alone at the junction of two roads, without a single home in view; her worshipers all gone; her doors closed; her careening steeple still pointing heavenward, with the tops of her faded monuments silently lifting up their heads from underneath an arch of pendant moss, and peering over the massive brick wall which encircles the resting place of her dead, without feeling that he is standing upon consecrated ground.

The following lines written by one of her sons, who himself has passed away, and whose remains, at his own request, were brought back from Florida, his recent home, and buried here, will be a fitting close to this notice of this hallowed spot, which I give not for their beauty of rhythm, but loving sentiment. Only those born and reared under the influence of that church can enter into the peculiar emotion excited by its perusal. I have taken the liberty to make a few changes in the language.

OLD MIDWAY

"Memory, fondly, sadly lingers
Where time with its corroding fingers
Slowly and stealthily writes decay
Upon the mouldering stones of old Midway.

"Oh, softly and reverently tread
This mausoleum of the dead,
For 'tis holy, consecrated ground
Within, without and all around.

"For the ceaseless prayers and tears,
Of more than a hundred years,
And the sleeping dust beneath the sod,
Consecrate it to Heaven and God.

"Cemetery of the countless dead.
Thy glory's gone, thy beauty's fled,
And of the past are left alone,
Ashes, and monumental stone.

"Yet, clustering round this sacred shrine,
Fond recollections will e'er entwine;
A peculiar consecration to impart,
To this dear Mecca of the heart.

"Thy old Druid oak, a sentinel,
Will ever stand, and mutely tell
To sighing winds the story,
Of thy ruin and departed glory.

"Thy ivy covered walls may fall,
And oblivion, with its dusky pall,
Shroud in desolation and decay
Every monument of old Midway;

"Still thy deeds, immortal, sublime,
Will far outlast the wrecks of time;
Forever and imperishable will be,
Thy record upon the tablet of memory."

E. G. WAY.

CHAPTER XV

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

One of the most interesting occasions in the history of the church was the Centennial exercises held December 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1852.

At the annual meeting March 10, 1852, the following resolutions were offered by Mr. W. S. Baker and adopted:

"Whereas, the 5th of December next, will be a century since the settlement of this community in this place, therefore,

Resolved, That, in token of respect to the memory of our ancestors and of gratitude to our Preserver, we will celebrate that day with suitable observance; and further,

Resolved, That a committee shall be appointed by the Chair, consisting of thirteen in number, from the different parts of the community, to make all the necessary arrangements.

The Chair then appointed the following gentlemen as that committee, viz: W. S. Baker, L. J. Mallard, H. H. Jones, T. Q. Cassels, W. G. Martin, John W. Stacy, W. Q. Baker, T. S. Mallard, Thomas Quarterman, Sr., N. Varnedoe, William Jones, J. B. Barnard and Thos. W. Fleming.

As the 5th of December was the Sabbath, the exercises commenced with a sermon appropriate to the occasion, reviewing the past and offering encouragement for the future, by Rev. I. S. K. Axson, then senior pastor, a native of Charleston, and formerly pastor of the old Dorchester, Carolina, church

for two years before going to Midway. The congregation was large, being gathered from all parts of the county.

The firing of cannon early Monday morning by the Chatham Artillery, invited guests for the occasion, announced the festivities of the day. At an early hour the people commenced to gather from all quarters. The roads were crowded with vehicles, carrying loads of occupants, journeying with unusual interest to the Mecca of their hearts. By ten o'clock a congregation was gathered, which was never before witnessed. From a Liberty pole in front of the church floated the national colors. The procession formed from a point in the Sunbury road, and marched to the church to music furnished by the German brass band of the Artillery company. The venerable Col. William Maxwell, wearing two blue rosettes, was president of the day, assisted by Captain Peter W. Fleming and Abiel Winn, as grand marshals. A broad banner bearing the inscriptions: "Our Fathers, St. John's Parish, 1752," and "Our Country, Our Whole Country, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, 1852," was borne by Mr. Thomas Q. Cassels, chairman of the committee of arrangements, supported by Captain Cyrus Mallard. On entering the church, after prayer and an ode sung, composed for the occasion by the Rev. Samuel J. Cassels, a historical address was delivered by Mr. John B. Mallard, setting forth the incidents and circumstances connected with the early settlement of the colony, the trials and sufferings of the Revolutionary War, together with present development and growth. After the address and music by the band in the gallery, the congregation repaired to the spot selected in front of the building for laying the corner stone of a monument proposed to be erected in honor of our forefathers. After prayer by Rev. Dr. D. C. Jones and an address

by the Rev. John Winn, the corner stone of the monument, containing many relics and memorials, was laid. After a salute fired by the Artillery, the multitude repaired to a special banquet spread nearby, accompanied with the usual hilarity, drinking of toasts and speech-making, which wound up the festivities of the day. It was on this occasion that Rev. S. J. Cassels, then an invalid confined to his room in Savannah, had his toast presented and read, which the writer well remembers hearing, being at all the exercises, "Liberty county, the place of my first and second birth, and yet to be the place of my third."

On the next day, Tuesday, the 7th, despite the rain and clouds, the firing of cannon at an early hour reminded the people that the festivities were not yet ended. The procession was formed as on the day before, and marched into the church, where they were highly entertained and instructed by an eloquent address by the Hon. William E. Law, one of her most honored sons, though at that time a citizen of Savannah.

I here give two brief extracts from the address now before me:

"Hail, venerated county, in this wide world the most honored spot to me. Place of my nativity, sweet home of my youth, scene of my earliest childhood, endeared by a thousand recollections and associations of early life. Long a wanderer from the fold, I come up this day to lay my humble offering upon the altar of your honor and your fame, and to commingle my congratulations and rejoicings with you, my fellow-citizens, on this happy and auspicious occasion."

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"Here the patriotic Screven sealed with his blood his devotion to his country and the cause of liberty. Here the blood of a Baker flowed. Here the youthful, but gallant Stewart, unsheathed a sword, which was never again to find its scabbard until the victorious shout of liberty triumphant rung through the land. Departed spirits. A grateful posterity have immortalized your virtues in the baptism of the counties of Georgia, which have your honored names. Yes, as long as Georgia shall exist, the names of Jones, Screven, John Baker and Daniel Stewart, will be remembered by Georgians."

After the address followed a banquet and festivities similar to those of the preceding day, which brought the exercises to a close.

Thus ended the first Centennial of the old church. The occasion was one long to be remembered. Nothing occurred to mar its pleasures, and every body went away delighted and pleased with all that was said and done; and with profounder reverence for their forefathers, and a feeling of conscious pride at the thought of being the descendants of such worthy sires.

CHAPTER XVI

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

There have been four houses of worship. The first, a temporary structure, built of logs, some three quarters of a mile or more to the east of the present site, near the plantation of Mr. Thomas Mallard, and erected in the year 1754, immediately after the arrival of a goodly number of the families. In this was held their first communion, September 8, 1754.

The second, a frame building, erected towards the close of the year 1756, forty-four by thirty-six feet, with a gallery eighteen feet in the story; with a pitched roof hipped at one end and a small steeple in the other; the steeple in the west and the pulpit north. It was located on the east side of the Darien road and fronting the Sunbury road. Bartram speaks of it as "standing on the high road opposite the Sunbury road."¹ Rev. Archibald Simpson, in his visit in 1761, speaks of it "as a large and well finished meeting house."² It also had a vestry house near by. The ground upon which it was located was deeded by John Stevens and his wife, Mary, for the sum of four shillings. It contained two acres, bounded on the south by land of Rev. John Osgood, and on all other sides by lands of John Stevens, and conveyed to all who had signed the articles of incorporation and their heirs and to the Stewarts and Graves', who expected soon to move, some forty in all. The following are their names:

1. Travels, Page 4.

2. Howe's History, Vol. 1., Page 137.

Names Of Those To Whom The Deed Was Made

John Osgood,
 Parmenas Way,
 William Baker,
 John Quarterman,
 Josiah Osgood,
 Benjamin Andrew,
 Edward Sumner,
 Edward Way,
 Benjamin Baker,
 Samuel Bacon,
 Moses Way,
 Richard Baker,
 John Quarterman,
 Thomas Peacock,
 Thomas Way,
 Nathaniel Way,
 John Shaves,
 Nathaniel Clark,
 Nathan Taylor,
 Samuel Stevens,

James Harley,
 John Elliott,
 Audley Maxwell,
 John Lupton,
 Isaac Lines,
 John Winn,
 Andrew Way,
 Samuel Way,
 Joseph Bacon,
 Joseph Winn,
 Richard Spencer,
 William Dunham,
 John Mitchell,
 Isaac Girardeau,
 William Graves,
 John Stewart,
 John Graves,
 John Stewart,
 Samuel Baker,
 Joseph Massey,

This house was burned by Lieutenant Colonel Provost and the British Friday morning, November 27, 1778. The reason of this, I presume, was that the building was used as a kind of fortification or barracks, a stockade being built around it, according to Governor Ellis' statement. And for the same reason too, no doubt, the British burned the Dorchester, South Carolina, meeting house, for it seems to have been similarly fortified and used.

The third was a coarse building, with posts in the ground and filled with poles, and put up in 1784 after the revolution, upon the settlement of Mr. Holmes. As it was intended to be temporary, and to be used during the construction of a more commodious one, it was located on the west side of the

Darien road and south of the grave yard.¹ It was enlarged the next year (1785) and a shelter also added at the south side for the accommodation of the negroes. This house was used during the entire six years of Dr. Holmes' ministry.

The present house, a frame building, was erected in 1792, the second year of the ministry of Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve. Dimensions, forty by sixty feet, with twenty feet in the story, and located very nearly upon the spot where the one burnt by the British stood. It had a high pulpit at the east side, with a quaint old time sounding board overhead, which the writer distinctly remembers seeing when a child, with three doors; one in the north end, one in the west, and one in the south end, with seats having doors, facing the pulpit. It also had a gallery with two flights of steps leading to the same from without. There was also a vestry house connected with it as the former had, located west of the road and south of the grave yard, which, as well as the church edifice, was painted red at first. In 1849 the pulpit in the church was removed to the north end; the gallery extended to three sides opposite, and two of the doors closed, leaving only one entrance at the south that the people, as it was said, might be all forced to come out together and thus be compelled to mix and mingle more together. A side door on the east was, however, opened in later years. All around the house at convenient distances there were erected thirty or more little houses, which, to the stranger, presented quite a singular appearance, to which the different families resorted during the intermission between services, and where they partook of their lunch dinners. These were all destroyed during and after Kilpatrick's raid. Not a vestige of any of these is now to be

1. Life of Daniel Baker by his son, page 17.

seen. The old building still stands (1899), and considering its age, being now one hundred and seven years old, in a state of remarkable preservation, due to the fact of its frequent repairs, but chiefly from the fact that it was in the first instance built, as required by contract, of the "best wood." Time, however, is beginning to do its work, and it will not be long ere this old sanctuary, venerable with years and dear to so many hearts, will become a thing of the past.

RETREATS AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP

As the early colonists settled in the swampy region, it was soon found necessary, as already stated, to go out to healthier localities during the summer months. In addition to Sunbury upon the coast, to which many of the planters removed, there were other places farther in the interior to which they resorted.

Walthourville

As early perhaps as 1795, Mr. Andrew Walthour, having a farm in that part of the district, began to spend the sickly portion of the year at what was then called the Sand Hills, now Walthourville. His example was followed by others, and by the early part of the present century there was quite a little village formed.

Among the early settlers may be mentioned the names of Andrew Walthour, after whom the place was called, John Bacon, General Daniel Stewart, Thomas Bacon, William I. Way, John Dunwody, Samuel Lewis, William Anderson, Charlton Hines, Captain William Hughes, Dr. Samuel Axson, Thomas Quarterman, Joseph Hargroves, Joseph Way, Mrs. John Stewart, William N. Way, Thomas Mallard, and others.

As the population increased it became necessary to have a place of worship. There have been several of these. The first was a Union building erected about 1820, upon a piece of ground donated by Mr. Andrew Walthour. A second Union building was put up in 1830 and dedicated by Drs. Stiles and Jones. The second building was first abandoned by the Presbyterians and afterwards by the Baptists, and was then rolled a short distance for an academy.

The first Presbyterian house erected was built upon a lot given by Mr. W. Q. Baker, about 1845 and dedicated by Dr. Axson. This house was destroyed by fire May 1, 1877.

The second Presbyterian house was built and dedicated in July, 1878, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Dr. Axson. It was erected upon ground purchased from the estate of Walthour. This house was destroyed by a storm in August, 1881.

The present building was put up on the same spot in 1884, and dedicated July of the same year. It may be here also added that a small building was erected for the colored people, during the pastorate of Rev. R. Q. Mallard.

Flemington

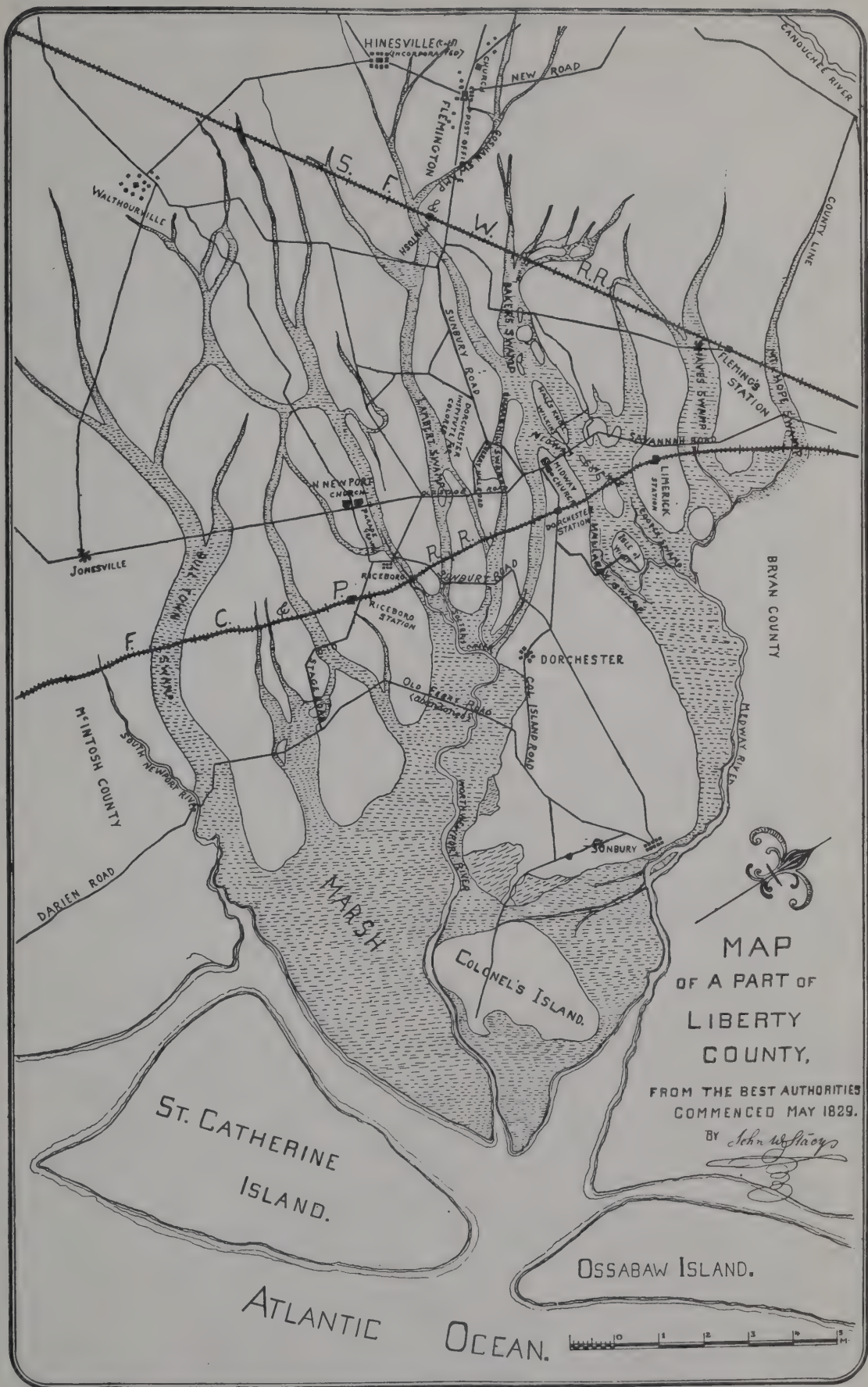
As in the case of Walthourville and following their example, several of the members commenced settling at Gravel Hill, now Flemington, about 1814. Among the early settlers were William Fleming, after whom the place was named, John Osgood, Oliver Stevens, Peter Farly Winn, Joseph Norman, Simon Fraser, Major John Bacon, and Rev. Murdock Murphy, who lived near the place owned by Rev. E. Q. Andrews. The first house built was of logs, erected at Ganey's Hill and used

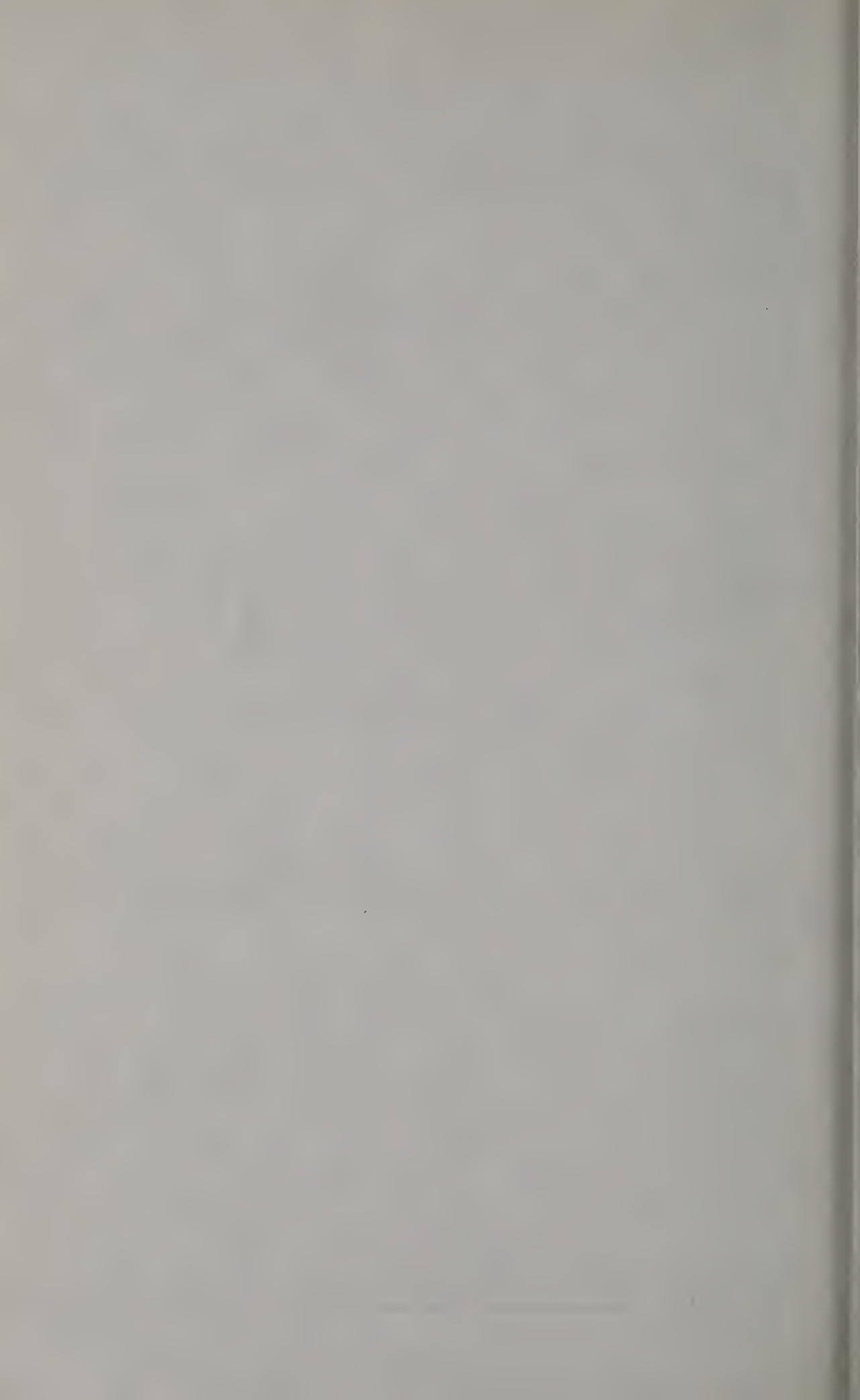
both as a school house and place of worship. Previous to this, the little house used for magistrates' court and for muster ground, was the place for occasional services. About 1836 a frame house was erected near the log house, which was still continued in use as a school house, and where the writer obtained most of his early education; the framed school building, located on the opposite side of the road, being one night set on fire by some one and burned. This first church building had a shed around it, and a small belfry at the west end. The ground, some four acres, was given by Mr. Simon Fraser, Sr.

The present building was erected about 1851 and upon the same site as the other. The bell in the steeple is the one used at Midway so long, it having fallen to the Flemington people in the distribution of the effects of the old church. Its removal from the old steeple to its present resting place was made quite an event in the history of that people. Very few objects have more sacred associations connected with them than that old church bell.

Jonesville

The people in the lower portion of the district in their search after a healthy location crossed over Bulltown swamp and penetrated the piney woods some three miles, and there located their village. It was named Jonesville after the first settler, Samuel Jones, and was located not far from the ranch of Moses Way, one of the early settlers, who had built a stockade for his cattle somewhere in that locality, the country there furnishing excellent pasturage for stock, with which the neighborhood abounded, and hence the origin, I suppose, of the primitive, though not very classical name of the swamp near by.





Among the early settlers were Samuel Jones, John Way, Louis LeConte, Nathaniel Varnedoe; and later, W. L. Jones, Moses Jones, Thos. Sheppard, Mr. Deane, Edward Quarterman, T. W. Fleming, Capt. P. W. Fleming, Joseph Bacon, John B. Barnard, and Dr. J. M. B. Harden. Here Dr. Axson spent the last years of his ministry among this people, he having first lived at Walthourville, until the burning of the parsonage in that place. Until the time of the war it was a delightful village with about eighteen families, but like Sunbury and some of the other dead towns of Georgia, its glory is gone; its inhabitants scattered; its houses pulled down, and soon to be a thing of the past, without even a single vestige left to mark the spot. How appropriate and seemingly prophetic the subject of one of the addresses which the writer heard, and so well remembers, delivered at a school exhibition in said village in 1850, from the words "sic transit gloria mundi." The eloquent words of the youthful orator are still ringing in his ears, but the occasion, the audience, and the very lips that uttered them, are all now buried forever in the silence of the tomb.

Dorchester

This place was settled in 1843. Upon the suggestion of Rev. T. S. Winn, then a private teacher in the family of Dr. C. C. Jones, the propriety of settling upon a high and dry ridge, half way between Midway and Sunbury, was favorably considered and several families soon after began to build. Several owners of houses in Sunbury had them taken down and removed to this newly formed village, which was called Dorchester in commemoration of former places of that name.

Among the early settlers I mention B. A. Busbee, Captain Abiel Winn, Captain Cyrus Mallard, W. S.

Baker, Dr. Edward J. Delegal, William Thompson, Dr. Benjamin King, John L. Mallard; and later, Thomas Mallard, Benjamin Allen, Dr. Troup Maxwell, William Stevens, Henry Jones, and Dr. Raymond Harris. Soon after the settlement of the place, a school house was erected. Being only six miles from Midway and a small community of hardly more than a dozen families, the citizens did not feel the necessity for a church building for quite a number of years, as any special service as well as the Sabbath-school exercises, could be held in the academy. A church building, however, was erected in 1854, and still stands. The lot of four acres, upon which it stands, was given by Mr. B. A. Busbee, the date of the deed being June 14, 1852. At first the house was used only for summer services, instead of going to Midway, as their people constituted the larger portion of the white congregation. The cupola contains a precious relic in the form of the old Sunbury bell, which for so many years was used for so many different purposes; for school, market, church and town. Before the pulpit stands a still more precious relic, in the form of a marble font, the gift of Dr. William McWhir, and which formerly stood in the old Midway church, at which so many hundreds (including the writer), both whites and blacks, both adults and children, have been baptized.

CHAPTER XVII

SUNBURY

As Sunbury was a place of great historic interest, and the birthplace and home of so many of the Midway people, it is worthy of more than a mere passing notice.

On the 20th of June, 1758, Captain Mark Carr conveyed in trust to James Maxwell, Kenneth Baillie, John Elliott, Grey Elliot and John Stevens, most if not all of whom were members or supporters of Midway church, three hundred acres of land pleasantly situated on Medway river, for the location of a town to be known as Sunbury. The place, however, seemed to have been so called previous to this, as mention is made of it in the church records as early as July 15, 1757; and even before the land was deeded to Mark Carr, the date of the grant from George II, to him, being October 4th, which was three months later than the above record.

So in the division of the Province into Parishes by the General Assembly in March, 1758, mention is made of "Midway and Sunbury" as forming the Parish of St. John, whereas the town was not laid off till the following June. Who gave the name or why so called, we have no means of determining. The probability is that the name was given by Captain Carr himself and after a little town of the same name upon the river Thames about twenty miles from the city of London.

The town thus located was divided into four hundred and ninety-six lots, most of which were soon sold. It also had three public squares respectively named King, Meeting, and Church. On account of its nearness to the Midway church, only

ten miles distant, it became the abode of quite a number of the members and supporters of that church. It was also settled by people from Charleston and other places, and at one time with quite a number from the island of Bermuda. Hence the origin of the name Bermuda, the former name of the contiguous island which is now known as Colonel's Island.¹ Having a good harbor and a fair back country to support it, Sunbury soon grew to be a flourishing town. A lucrative trade was also carried on with the West Indies. "About the years 1769 and 1770," says McCall, "it was thought by many in point of commercial importance, to rival Savannah." He also states that seven square rigged vessels have been known to enter the port of Sunbury in one day.² As early as 1762 it was made by Governor Wright a port of entry. At the beginning of the Revolutionary war, the time of its greatest prosperity, its population, both white and black, has been estimated at nearly a thousand.³

1. Until 1778 this island was called Bermuda, but after that, Colonel's Island. So called on account of the number of Colonels having lived upon it, there being, according to tradition, as many as six of these, which was quite remarkable as the island was small, not being more than two or three miles across. Who these Colonels were I have been unable thus far to find out. Col. Alexander Herron had a grant of land there. Cols. Screven, White, Elbert, Baker, Maxwell and McIntosh were all at different times at and about Sunbury, several of them owning plantations upon the island at the close of the war; but whether these are the ones to whom this honor belongs, I am unable to say.

2. McCall's His. Vol. 1, page 256.

3. Jones' His. Vol. II, P. 333.

Sunbury has been the home of many noted men, and the theatre of many stirring scenes. Here lived Dr. Lyman Hall, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from whence he carried with him one hundred and sixty barrels of rice and sixty pounds sterling, the contribution of the citizens to their suffering compatriots at Boston. Here Button Gwinnett, another signer and Governor, though living on St. Catharine Island,¹ spent a great deal of his time, officially, being a "Justice of St. John Parish,"² and socially, being frequently a visitor at the home of Dr. Hall. Here, too, George Walton, the only other signer of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia, and afterwards governor, was sent as a prisoner of war, with other continental officers taken at the fall of Savannah in 1778, he being wounded with a thigh broken, and paroled until his wound healed, and afterwards there retained as a

1. This island was formerly the property of the Bosomworth's, of whom Button Gwinnett purchased it. It was deeded by the Crown in 1758 in settlement of a claim of Mrs. Mary Musgrove, a half-breed Indian, who was Oglethorpe's interpreter, who, after the death of her husband, John Musgrove, married David Matthews, and after his death, Rev. Thomas Bosomworth, Oglethorpe's chaplain. In the Session Book we find the name of Sarah Bosomworth among the members of Midway church, received 1768, who was no doubt a near relative of Rev. Thomas Bosomworth, or his brother, Abraham. Thus showing the extensive influence of the old church, and which, taken in connection with the fact that St. Catherine formed a part of the parish of St. John, invests the matter with sufficient interest to require this notice.

2. White's His. Coll. p. 39.

prisoner of war, until exchanged. Here lived for several years Richard Howley and Nathan Brownson, governors of Georgia, John Elliott and Alfred Cuthbert, United States senators, and John A. Cuthbert, member of congress. Here was the home of Major John Jones, who fell in the siege of Savannah. Here lived Major Lachlan McIntosh, the father of the Commodore, and here the Commodore himself was born and also his sister, the authoress, Miss Maria McIntosh. Here, also, was the birth place of Hon. John E. Ward and Hon. William Law. And here the home of Dr. William McWhir, where he established his celebrated school known far and wide.

Sunbury was also remarkable for its military record. This was the place of rendezvous for the forces of General Charles Lee in the expedition against Florida, planned by himself, in 1776. From hence was it that Col. Elbert embarked his troops in an expedition against St. Augustine, under the order of Button Gwinnett, in 1777. Here it was that in 1778, after General Howe's unsuccessful expedition to Florida, Col. C. C. Pinckney returned with his troops to rest.

It was here a little later in the same year that after the removal of Cols. White and Elbert to Savannah, Col. John McIntosh being left in command of the fort, so courageously defended it against the attack of Col. Fuser, and to whom he returned the laconic answer, when demanding its surrender, "Come and take it."¹

1. Col. Jones, in his History, Vol. II, p. 310, as well as in his "Dead Towns," states that the State Legislature in recognition of his conspicuous bravery on this occasion, "voted him a sword with the words 'come and take it' engraved thereon." I have thus far been unable to find the evidence of this. In November

But perhaps the thing that invests the place with the greatest interest is the fact that this was the last spot in Georgia to surrender, when the state was overrun by the British in 1778. It was not until Savannah had fallen and the forces withdrawn from Augusta, according to the order of General Howe,¹ that Sunbury surrendered to British supremacy, and then not until overwhelmed with superior numbers. Let then the fact before alluded to in this work, be here again repeated, by way of emphasis, that the last spot upon Georgia soil where the old Colonial flag remained unfurled, and was seen floating in the breeze, was from the ramparts of the old fort of the old historic town of Sunbury.

The Old Fort.

A short sketch then of an object of such interest, and which still stand as an interesting relic of the past, cannot fail to interest.

As early as 1756, in accordance with the request of Hon. Jonathan Bryan, one of his Majesty's council of safety, and on account of a rumored invasion of the Indians, a number of the citizens went to Captain Carr's and counseled about building a fort low down on the river, which was commenced September 20, 1756.²

1814, the Legislature voted a sword to Col. James S. McIntosh, the son of Col. John McIntosh, for gallant services rendered in the war of 1812, at Sandy Creek and other places about Lake Ontario, N. Y. I am of the opinion the two things have been inadvertently confused.

1. See report committee of investigation, Jones' His. Vol. II., p. 333.

2. Church Record.

So also, according to the church record, on July of the following year, on account of fear of French privateers, citizens went to Sunbury and raised a couple of batteries and made carriages for eight small cannons, which Governor Ellis, in his tour of inspection March, 1758, was pleased to find completed, in connection with the fortification around Midway church. Whether this was the same location as that of the fort afterwards erected remains undetermined. It may, however be safely asserted that the heavy earthworks still standing just below the site of the town, and which constitute the fort so noted in history, was erected at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, and in accordance with the action of Congress ordering the construction and manning of two forts, one at Savannah and one at Sunbury; and as tradition has it, was built chiefly by the citizens of Bermuda (now Colonel's Island) and principally by slave labor. In honor of the captain commanding a company of continental artillery raised for coast defense, it was named "Fort Morris."

After the abandonment by General Howe of his expedition against St. Augustine in 1778, Col. John McIntosh was left in command. Col. Fuser, as already stated, made the attack upon it by water. According to agreement, Col. Prevost was expected at the same time to lead an assault by land. The delay of Fuser to reach Sunbury at the appointed time, caused by high winds, prevented the union of the two forces, and the defiant attitude of Col. McIntosh so intimidated Col. Fuser that he withdrew his fleet, and thus Sunbury was saved at that time. It was only for a short while, however.

During the siege of Savannah a few weeks later by Col. Campbell, Col. McIntosh was ordered to that place, and Fort Morris left in charge of Major Lane.

General Howe, after the fall of Savannah, ordered Major Lane to evacuate the fort and join the main army at Zubly's Ferry in its retreat to Carolina. But in disobedience to orders and at the request of the citizens, he determined to remain and defend the place. In the meanwhile General Augustine Prevost, hearing of the arrival of Col. Campbell at Savannah, left St. Augustine with an army of about two thousand men, with a view of joining him. On his way he halted at Sunbury January 9th, and appearing before the fort demanded its surrender. Major Lane at first refused, and endeavored to defend it; but soon finding his position untenable he was compelled to make an unconditional surrender of the entire garrison, consisting of seventeen commissioned officers, one hundred and ninety-five non-commissioned officers and privates, together with stores and ammunition; also, with the loss of one captain and three men killed and seven wounded.

After the surrender to the British, the fort was named by them Fort George, in honor of their Sovereign, and so continued in name, and in the hands of the British until the close of the war.

During the war of 1812-15 the fort was repaired and remodeled, under the direction of the Committee of Safety, and by them named Fort Defense. Said committee of defense for Liberty county during the war consisted of General Daniel Stewart, William Fleming, John Winn, John Stacy, John Elliott, John Stevens, and Joseph Law, who had charge of the local defense, and who were authorized to call upon the citizens for any labor they might deem necessary. The garrison in the fort was under the command of Hon. John A. Cuthbert. They were never, however, called into active service.

This was the last time the old fort was ever used. Sunbury having gone down, there no longer existed a necessity for the fort.

Description.

The old fort was located about three hundred and fifty yards outside the southern limits of Sunbury, at the bend of the river. The walls were earthwork, very substantially built, and include one acre of ground. The eastern face confronting the river was two hundred and seventy-five feet in length.¹ The northern and southern faces, somewhat irregular in shape, were respectively one hundred and ninety-one and one hundred and forty feet in length. The western wall, two hundred and forty feet long. The parapet, ten feet wide, and six feet above the parade of the fort, its superior slope about twenty-five feet above the level of the river at high tide, with seven embrasures, each about five feet wide. Surrounding the whole a moat ten feet wide at the bottom and about twenty feet at the top. The sally port was in the middle of the western wall.

The guns have all been removed. One was carried to Hinesville when the place was first laid off sixty years ago, and has been often and long used on Fourth of July and other public occasions, and may still be seen lying in the court house yard in that place. Two of them were carried to Riceboro during the late war between the states, but no use was made of them. Two more were taken by Captain Lamar, and after being used as signal guns at Sunbury, were transported to Fort Bartow at Savannah,

1. For these measurements I am indebted to "Dead Towns of Georgia," by Col. C. C. Jones, Jr.

and fell into the hands of the Federals. Two more were left lying half buried in the soil of the parade ground, and a third in the old field half way between the fort and the site of the town.¹ These all have since been removed. At least the writer did not see them when he visited the spot, January, 1896. One of the two carried to Riceboro was removed by the late Col. C. C. Jones in 1880 to his home on the Sand Hills near Augusta, Georgia, and now adorns the lawn in front of the residence which has passed into the hands of his son, Col. Charles Edgeworth Jones. This, and the one at Hinesville, are veritable and valuable relics, as they were without doubt, of the number of those that took part in the defense of Georgia soil in Revolutionary times.

Grave Yard

The grave yard at Sunbury, could it speak, could tell much that would be interesting. But, unfortunately for us, there are but few monuments to be seen. The yard itself is all grown up and forms part of the natural forest. Unless you were told, you would never dream that you were standing over so many graves and many of them too, people of note. There are a few graves of modern date. These are enclosed and well cared for. The rest is all a thicket. In these woods lie buried, and may be seen, the tombs of Rev. Wm. McWhir, D. D., born in Ireland September 9, 1759, died January 31, 1851; and his wife, Mary McWhir, born in Liberty county September 27, 1757, and died at Springfield, near Sunbury, December 31, 1819. Mrs. McWhir was the widow of Col. John Baker, and was married before, being the widow of Col. Lapina when Col. Baker married her.

1. "Dead Towns," p. 182.

The Churches

The singular thing in connection with this notable place was the fewness of the churches in connection with its population, and the utter want of religious advantages in proportion to its alleged size. There never has been a Methodist church in the place. The Baptist church was not organized till 1806. The removal to Midway commenced in 1752. Sunbury was laid off in 1758, four years after. For fifty-four years, till the organization of the Baptist church in Sunbury, Midway was the only church in the county.¹ How, then, were the Sunbury people supplied with the gospel? For a long time the early settlers depended entirely upon Midway, ten miles off. In 1763 we find that an effort was made to obtain the services of Rev. John Alexander to preach at Sunbury, as a kind of assistant to Mr. Osgood; and a little later we find that Mr. Edwards came over from Carolina, and for about two years resided at Sunbury as the assistant of Mr. Osgood. So we also find that later on Rev. Reuben Hitchcock, a Congregational minister, was located at Sunbury as teacher and preacher, having charge of the school and also preaching to the people, and that he contracted in 1791 to supply Midway church once in every three Sabbaths. And later still, that after Dr. McWhir's settlement there in 1792, that he preached to the people as well as conducted the school.

From hints given it would seem that if not an independent church there was a branch of Midway church there, as mention is made in the records, of authority being given Dr. McWhir to receive members (which he did) till a church should be organized there.

1. The Olivet Methodist church was organized 1826.

So Rev. Jesse Campbell, in his life of Rev. C. O. Screven, says "there was not a single Baptist church in the place, but there was a church of Congregational Presbyterians." ¹

Concerning the Congregational church at Sunbury, we find the charter was granted March 20, 1790, at Augusta, by Governor Telfair, with the following named Select Men: Francis Coddington, David Rees, James Powell and John Lawson, who had erected a place of worship, and "declared to be a body corporate, by the name of and style of The Congregational Society of Sunbury;" the above "to hold office till the first Monday in March next, when annually the members and supporters of the gospel shall meet and elect successors." (State Archives Book B., p. 257.)

Now, concerning this church, we know very little. It certainly never did much as a church, and at best was only a feeder to Midway. Very much as the church at Newport, of which the Rev. Stephen A. Hoyt was said to be minister, and of which we now know nothing except that "it was erected near Byne swamp and not far from Captain Joseph Jones' place."

The above statements all go to show how large a proportion of the population of Sunbury must have been identified with the Midway congregation, and what an intensely strong hold the old church must have had upon the citizens of that place.

Present Condition

After Sunbury fell into the hands of the British,

1. Bap. His., P. 40.

a large portion of it was burned.¹ From that shock it never recovered. Proving unhealthy and its commerce being diverted to Savannah, it began rapidly to decline. When the writer visited the place in 1896, as above stated, there was but one old dwelling standing, occupied by some fishermen; the rest a cotton field. Since then that house has been removed, so that to-day there is not a single vestige of the old town left.

It is sad indeed to think that a town once of the size and importance of this, and the scene of so many incidents and occurrences should now be nothing more than a cultivated field. And that the cemetery and old fort, the one the resting place of so many of her noble dead, and the other the scene of such military prowess, should alike be as the wild forest. Like Pompeii of old, the whole now lies buried beneath the ashes of years, but unlike Pompeii, utterly beyond the hope of future exhumation.

1. Rees. Cy. Art. Sunbury.

REMOVAL OF THE REMAINS OF COMMODORE JAMES M. MCINTOSH

Whilst Sunbury had interesting associations connected with it while living, it likewise had some tender memories clustering around it even since dead. For here was the scene of the formal reception, in the spring of 1861, of the remains of one of her own, as well as state's gallant dead.

Commodore James Mackay McIntosh, the son of Major Lachlan McIntosh, and grand nephew of General Lachlan McIntosh, died at Pensacola, Florida, September 1, 1860. In December following the Legislature of Georgia ordered that his remains should be removed, at her expense, and buried upon her own soil, at any place his relatives might choose. In accordance with this action, they were removed from Pensacola and conveyed, in charge of his nephew, Lachlan McIntosh, by rail to Savannah, and from thence, in company with a few relatives and friends, to Sunbury on board the steamer Everglade, employed for the occasion by Captain J. M. Kell, who was at that time Commander of the steamer Savannah, for coast defense. They reached Sunbury on Tuesday, April 16, 1861, and then and there were formally surrendered to the Liberty Independent Troop to be escorted by them to the Midway graveyard, the place selected for their final resting place. On receiving the trust, Mr. W. C. Stevens, a member of the company, and in behalf of the same, delivered the following address:

Address of Mr. W. C. Stevens

Captain Kell: — Permit me, as the organ of the Liberty Independent Troop, to express to you their

just appreciation of the service which brings you to these shores, and their heartfelt co-operation in the funeral obsequies of the occasion. In the social relations of life, loved and esteemed by his friends for his kindness of heart and manly qualities, Commodore McIntosh was to most of us personally unknown; but history has recorded his public career, and his grateful countrymen are ready to award that meed of praise which is the just tribute to merit. By reference to an excerpt of his life, we find that he entered the naval service of the United States in September, 1811, and for a period of forty-nine years continued in the active exercises of different vocations, passing through the various grades of service: Midshipman, Passed Midshipman, Master, Lieutenant and Captain, as rapidly as the regulations of the naval service would admit. Although never engaged in actual hostilities (if we except the first period of initiation into service) we find him, during a reign of general national prosperity, employed in offices of important trust and great responsibility, requiring the exercise of sound judgment and a character distinguished for fearlessness of danger. In 1821 he was attached to an expedition under Captain Kerney, for the extermination of the pirates on the West India coast. In 1851, after receiving his commission with the rank of Captain, he was ordered to the command of the United States frigate Congress, attached to the Brazil squadron, under the command of Commodore McKeever. Soon after this he was removed to the command of the naval station at Sackett's harbor, where he remained until 1857, when, by order of the President of the United States, he became flag officer of the home squadron. This command was conferred at a time when British fleets in southern waters became exceedingly insolent and troublesome, by attempting to board and search American vessels; but by prejudice, judgment,

dignified courtesy and firm determination, he vindicated and maintained the position his country had ever taken against the right of search, and received for his conduct her unqualified approbation. Subsequent to this period Commodore McIntosh was placed in command of the navy yard Pensacola, in which station he expired on the first of September, 1860.

Here closed his earthly career, almost up to the dissolution of the old government, which he had always served with fidelity and honor, and upon the eve of a great and wondrous revolution. Had Commodore McIntosh survived to behold the light of this day, it is not difficult to say what would have been his position in the recent inauguration of political events. Had he lived to behold the Confederate flag of these Southern states thrown proudly and defiantly to the breeze, his ardent and true Southern heart would too surely have reflected the sentiment of its emblematic colors, valor, purity and truth. But, sir, while we may regret the necessity that sunders the bonds of earthly existence, and view with sorrow from "Life's shining circle its gems drop away," we must bend to an inexorable fate and bow with submission to the will of Providence.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
All that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Await alike the inevitable hour,
The path of glory leads but to the grave."

And now, sir, with hearts alive to the duties of the occasion, we bid you welcome here, and thrice welcome the remains of the gallant Commodore James McKay McIntosh to a final interment in the soil of his native state and in the county of his birth."

To which Captain Kell made the following res-

ponse:

Response of Captain Kell

Gentlemen of the Liberty Independent Troop, and Fellow Citizens of Liberty County: — In behalf of the widow and children and the relatives of the deceased, I tender you their warm and heartfelt acknowledgments of the consideration and respect thus shown to his memory.

It would have been a satisfaction (melancholy, it is true) to his old comrade in arms and brother-friend, the gallant Tatnall, to have responded to the kind words that have been spoken. It was his intention and earnest desire to accompany the remains of his deceased friend to their last resting place; but danger threatens our people and he stands at his post to meet it. His duty to his country alone prevents his being here, and I know that the noble spirit of his late comrade looks down from aloft with responsive sympathy and approval. Again do I thank you in behalf of the family and friends of the gallant departed, and beg leave to present as one of his relatives my own warm appreciation of your sympathy and consideration."

After the ceremony of reception was over, the remains were escorted by the Independent Troop to the country cemetery at Midway, nine miles distant, its final resting place. After the interment an impressive and appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Jones, D. D., after which a wreath of roses and olive branches, entwined by the hands of Mrs. C. C. Jones, was suspended from the headstone of

the grave. And there beside his relatives this gallant officer lies sleeping his last sleep.¹

1. The above account was taken from the Savannah Morning News, a clipping of which has been kindly furnished me by the family of Captain Kell.

CHAPTER XVIII

LECONTE PEAR TREE AND TEA CULTURE

Leconte Pear Tree

To Liberty county also is the country indebted for the LeConte Pear Tree, which has given rise to considerable industry in several of the Southern states. The following account of the origin of this remarkable fruit tree has been received from Judge John L. Harden, a regular descendant of the family;

"The history of the LeConte pear is as follows: In 1850 my great uncle, John LeConte, purchased from Thomas Hogg, a nurseryman of New York, a small pear tree. He was told by Mr. Hogg that the fruit was of inferior quality, and fit only for preserving; that it would not mature its fruit so far north as New York, but that it might do so in the south; that it was the Chinese Sand Pear. The tree was given to my mother and when it grew large enough, it produced fruit which, to our surprise, was of excellent quality. It is productive and vigorous. The original tree is forty-five years old (in 1895), and is still productive and vigorous, although sadly neglected. It has borne twenty bushels in one year, after allowing for all that may have been stolen."

At the close of the late war, the people of Liberty county were all broken up and quite a number of them emigrated to southwestern Georgia. Among them was Col. Leander L. Varnedoe, a native of the county and a member of the old church. Upon the suggestion of his uncle, Mr. William Jones, that the tree might be propagated from the cutting, and that the fruit might be profitably raised in south-

western Georgia, whither he had moved, he secured quite a number of cuttings and took them with him and planted them at his home near Thomasville, and was soon delighted to see that the idea was a happy one, for he soon had an orchard of vigorous trees, yielding abundantly of luscious marketable fruit. Cuttings soon became in great demand; and from that little beginning the whole southern country has been covered with these trees. Many have made not only livings, but even fortunes of the same.

To give some idea of the impoverished condition of this people at the close of the war, and also what a happy hit was the idea of promoting the cultivation of this pear from cuttings, I relate the following incident:

On the return of Col. Varnedoe from the war, it is said that his first bill of fare was so poor and uninviting that he jocosely remarked to his wife: "Annie, if you can, you may, but I can't say grace over such a dinner."

A few years later after his removal to Thomasville he was offered ten thousand dollars cash for his pear farm, which he very wisely refused.

The old mother tree, from which the millions now in cultivation all over the southland have sprung, is still standing, and was in a flourishing condition, when the writer visited it a year ago. It is now fifty years old, and has never shown any symptoms of "blight" until a few years since, when it had a slight attack, from which it seems to have recovered. The tree is sixty inches in circumference and about

twenty-four feet in height. The accompanying cut from a kodak picture, taken by the writer at the time of his visit, will give some idea of its present appearance. A tree of such renown is worthy, not only of honorable mention, but a conspicuous place in such a collection as this.



THE OLD LECONTE PEAR TREE.

Tea Culture

A short while before the late civil war, Mr. William Jones directed his attention to the cultivation of the tea plant, and had a small space planted. The war coming on interfered with the development of the scheme. After its close, and upon the death of Mr. Jones his daughter, Mrs. Rosa Screven, took up the work and was making of it an encouraging success. In 1879 Mr. John Jackson, of Scotland, who had been general manager of an English company in

the raising and manufacturing of tea in India for fifteen years, and who, on account of the health of his wife had returned to Scotland, came over to the United States. On arriving at Washington City, among his investigations he found a record of tea culture, by Mrs. Rosa Screven, of Liberty county, Georgia, he at once went to Liberty county and found that the plants on Mr. Jones' place were well developed and thriving on the rich alluvial soil, which seemed so well adapted to them. He rented a portion of the farm and commenced at once the raising and manufacturing of tea. He had a chest made out of the tea wood, with compartments in it for the different grades, and sent the same to Mr. DeLuc, then commissioner of agriculture at Washington, who at once sent the specimens with an agent to New York to be tested by the experts of three large importing houses of that city, who pronounced it equal to any of the same grades of India tea and who could hardly be persuaded that it was not imported tea, or that the chest was made of tea wood raised in this country.

Mr. DeLuc at once sought an appropriation of the government, by way of testing it, and obtained \$30,000 for the purpose, but for some reason, chiefly perhaps on account of health, the farm was not located in Georgia, but near Summerville, South Carolina, though put under the direction of Mr. Jackson. Barrels of tea seed were ordered at once from India and thousands of plants started. After one year's experiment, Mr. Jackson being satisfied that the culture would be a success, concluded also to have a farm of his own, and commenced planting out a farm on the Jones plantation in Liberty county, and soon had thirty acres of plants of vigorous growth. About this time the government changed hands; another party coming in power, Mr. DeLuc was removed and General Loring coming in his

place, ordered the enterprise abandoned. Mr. Jackson, having all his capital invested in the Liberty county farm and not being able to carry on the business alone, sought the assistance of capitalists in Savannah, New York and Philadelphia, but failed, and was therefore compelled to suspend operations. Thus ended an enterprise which to Mr. Jackson's mind could have been made a thorough success.

In addition to the interest clustering around the matter there is also additional interest excited by the scientific principle involved in the construction of the house erected by Mr. Jackson, and in which he lived. The principal objection to the location was its unhealthiness, being in a low malarial region. Mr. Jackson believed that the malarial stratum, unobstructed, would not rise above twenty feet and therefore sought to overcome the same by elevating his house above that height. He built a two room



THE JACKSON HOUSE.

house upon sills embedded six feet in the ground, with heavy timbers resting upon them, and extending up in an angular direction some forty-two feet and anchored at the corners with wire cables, as appears from the cut. The experiment seemed to be quite a success, and to establish Mr. Jackson's theory, as appears from the fact that himself and wife spent three summers there with entire immunity from sickness, while the colored people who lived below were suffering from chills and fevers and bilious attacks. This high house stood the heavy storm of 1881 with firmness and strength, though it has since fallen through exposure and decay.¹

1. I am indebted to Mr. R. Q. Cassels of Liberty county, at whose house Mr. Jackson was for some time a guest, for the facts stated above.

CHAPTER XIX

THE AFTER HISTORY

Soon after the war, it being obvious that the church building, if left without proper care and attention, would soon go to ruin, in obedience to a public call a number of the rightholders met and appointed Messrs. J. B. Mallard, Ezra Stacy, and L. J. Mallard trustees, in whose hands and care the building and property were left. These trustees met and leased the building to the colored people, the only pay required being the keeping the building in repairs and the cemetery in order. They also made a division of the communion service and other articles possessed by the old church into three parts, one for each of the retreats. The things to be distributed were the Bell, the Marble Font, two Silver Tankards, four Silver Baskets, and four Communion Cups. Upon inquiry I find that Dorchester has at present the marble font, the gift of Dr. William McWhir; one tankard, the gift of John Lambert; one basket and one goblet, the gift of S. Monroe, Esq. Flemington has the bell, one tankard and two goblets, the gift of John Lambert, and two baskets; but Walthourville has received nothing. What has become of the remaining goblet and basket, nobody seems to know. Some think they were destroyed in the house of Mr. John B. Mallard, when burned; but being solid silver the remains would have been found in the debris; others, that they were taken by the Federal soldiers, but no one can tell when or where. At the annual meeting in March, 1889, in the report of the Select Men, it was stated that the portion assigned Walthourville had been placed in the keeping of Dorchester; but upon what authority the statement rests, I have been unable to discover. It is just one of those cases of mysterious disappearance which perhaps will never be explained in this life.

At a later meeting of the trustees about July 1, 1875, Mr. T. Q. Cassels being in the place of Mr. J. B. Mallard, resigned, the church building was again leased to the colored people at the nominal sum of one dollar per annum for religious worship, they also agreeing to keep it in repair, and also to work out the cemetery twice every year; and also, at the same time for school purposes, for the sum of fifty dollars a year for fifteen years.

At the call of the trustees, a number of right-holders met at Midway November 7, 1877, to consider the propriety of selling the building, which proposition was carried in the affirmative and the trustees were authorized to sell the same, the proceeds to be put in some safe investment, the interest of which only, was to be used in keeping up the graveyard. This, however, was never done.

Meeting of the Society

Ten years after this the society met again March 9, 1887, for the first time in twenty years, the building being in the hands of the colored people, and has been meeting annually ever since. On account of the smallness of the membership, ladies were allowed from that meeting and since to sign the articles of incorporation. The object of these meetings being more of the nature of a reunion, whilst formally exercising control over the property and keeping in order the resting place of the dead. For this purpose a "memorial association" was organized at the annual meeting in 1892.

At the next meeting, in 1893, it was resolved that hereafter the preaching of a sermon, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper, shall be a part of the regular order of exercises. Accordingly at the next annual meeting in March, 1894, a

sermon was preached by the Rev. James Stacy, D. D., followed by the administration of the Sacrament of the Supper, and which has been the custom since.

At the same meeting the Society ratified the contract of the select men, in leasing the house again to the colored people for another term of twenty years, to be used only for religious purposes. But through some misunderstanding or dissatisfaction, the lease was not carried out. For the colored people having already had a school house for a number of years, erected the next year (1895) and near by, a house of worship of their own; since which time the old building has stood unoccupied, being used only at the annual reunions.

The following are the names of all those who have subscribed to the articles since the reorganization of the Society in 1887:

RECENT SUBSCRIBERS

1887

J. A. M. King,
Jno. L. Harden,
E. P. Miller,
K. A. Quarterman,
J. E. Martin,
J. C. Norman,
W. Macon Way,
W. A. Jones,
A. F. Winn,
Joseph B. Fraser,
Alex S. Quarterman,
N. J. Norman,
L. B. Rahn,
James B. Fraser,
Chas. A. Cay,
Jno. W. Winn,

Edgar B. Way,
Robert Q. Cassels,
J. B. Way,
Chas. J. Martin,
W. Julian Way,
L. S. Norman,
Gilbert A. Bailey,
M. A. Montgomery,
P. W. P. Waite,
John Axtell,
A. H. Waite,
W. John Way,
Jno. B. Mallard,
E. M. Screven,
Miss Lizzie Winn,
W. A. Fleming,



Midway Presbyterian Church, Colored

T. G. Stacy,
Sallie P. Norman
Gussie J. Reppard,
Hattie L. Norman,
Lizzie M. Fraser,
Louisa A. Martin,
L. Isabel Norman,
Ann P. Barnard,
Caroline A. Fleming,
Mary S. Mell,
Annie E. Winn,
Julia V. Stevens
Mrs. Sarah W. Mallard,
Alice G. Cassels,
Winnie Mallard,
Eva Way,
Lila Way,
Ann Way,
A. S. Way,

Selah B. Trask,
Eula Way,
Ellen Way,
Florence Way,
Maggie Fleming,
Maria Louisa Stacy,
E. C. Miller,
Helen L. Quarterman,
E. Rosalie Reppard,
Susan W. Norman,
Lula A. Norman,
Toulou W. Bacon,
Sallie Lou Way,
Lizzie O. Winn,
Louisa V. Winn,
Anna S. Fleming,
Susie A. Winn,
Julia M. Winn,
Leonora E. Trask.

1889

W. J. Way,
A. L. Norman,
H. H. Jones,
James Stacy,
W. H. Quarterman,
Charles C. Jones, Jr.,
R. Q. Way,
Susan C. Way,
N. P. Quarterman,
B. L. Baker,

H. C. Norman,
L. Quarterman,
S. Dowse Bradwell,
May Belle Bradwell,
Cora Cassels,
Georgia A. Cassles,
Mary J. Martin,
Ann C. Quarterman,
A. B. Way,

1890

Claude Quarterman Perry,
Leila Q. Mathews,
Mary Eliza Quarterman,
Rosalie C. Beckett,
R. Frank Cassels,
Qra M. Bradwell,

A. G. Cassels,
Ellen B. Fleming,
Susie Cassels,
John Jones,
Mary A. N. Beckett,
James T. H. Waite,

Sallie L. Varnedoe,
C. J. Stacy,
T. S. Mallard,
W. M. Stevens,
Matilda L. Fleming.

Annie Agnes Waite,
H. G. Waite,
Rebecca E. Waite,
Alfred I. Hendry,

1891

Jas. N. Quarterman,
Mary C. Hopkins,
Mrs. L. E. Buttolph,
Sallie L. Mallard,
D. L. Buttolph,

Mrs. S. L. Fleming,
Mamie C. Martin,
Laura M. Fraser,
Sam J. Cassels,
Nellie Alexander.

1892

Sallie Mallard,

E. W. Way.

1893

M. C. Reppard,
Susie L. Reppard.

R. H. Walthour,

1894

M. E. Middleton,
Daisy Walker.

E. M. Martin,

1898

P. F. Martin,

R. M. Martin

Relaying the Corner Stone Thirty-seven Years Afterwards

It has already been stated that the corner stone of the proposed monument to the early settlers, which had been laid in December, 1852, had been ruthlessly torn up and rifled of its contents by the Federal soldiers during their encampment in the county. The stone itself, however, was not destroyed, but thrown aside and afterwards recovered. At the annual meeting in March, 1888, it was resolved that at the next meeting the same stone should

be relaid, and that the selectmen be directed to secure an orator and make all the necessary arrangements for the occasion. Accordingly they arranged with Col. C. C. Jones, Jr., to deliver the address. When the day arrived the weather was so inclement, it raining all the time, there were hardly more than a score of persons present, the writer being one of them. Under the circumstances it was thought advisable to postpone the exercises until the 8th of the next month, and the Independent Troop be requested to take charge of the ceremony and conduct the same. Col. C. C. Jones, however, delivered his address, which was listened to with profound interest by those who were present, and who showed their appreciation by having the same published.

In accordance with the above action, on the morning of May 8, 1889, the people reassembled, the Liberty Troop being present, and also the Liberty Guards, another volunteer company of the county, who had been invited to be present and take part in the exercises. The former was commanded by Captain E. P. Miller and the latter by Captain J. M. Darsey.

The column formed in the Sunbury road in the following order:

Liberty Independent Troop
Liberty Guards
Select Men with Badges
Citizens

The column marched west until nearly opposite the door of the church, turned to the right and then to the left, between the place the corner stone was to be laid, the military passing around to the south and east of the place the corner stone was to rest, facing north and west, and the members of the So -

ciety facing South. The corner stone was then laid by Captain W. A. Fleming.

Upon the sealing of the stone private A. S. Way, of the Liberty Independent Troop, read two odes composed by the late Rev. Samuel J. Cassels, and in addition delivered an eloquent and appropriate address, which was listened to with profound attention, and the same ordered to be published in the Hinesville Gazette and Brunswick Advertiser and Appeal.¹

1. See Records.

CHAPTER XX

PRESENT CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

It is impossible for those not conversant with the case, to form any idea of the permanent injury brought upon this people by the disasters of the late civil war. To this day desolation reigns supreme. All the large rich plantations of the lower portion of the county have been abandoned either in part or whole, many of them being overgrown with trees and bushes. Where once stood fine residences, the abode of wealth and refinement, now may be seen little huts, the homes of squalor and wretched poverty. All of the old citizens who could well get away have gone. I seriously doubt whether a half dozen white families could now be found within four or five miles of the old church. The country is to-day very much in the condition of the once prosperous land of Judea, entirely stripped of her former prestige and glory. And the stranger visiting the community cannot but be painfully impressed with the ever recurring inquiry: Is this the place and these the people we have heard so much about?

The question has been asked, and very properly, why may not this section recuperate, as other places and other communities have done, that were overrun and devastated during the war? And why may not the people return to their farms as their forefathers did, after the first invasion and destruction by the British? And why may not the same lands be utilized and made to produce as formerly? The explanation is soon given: On account of the sickliness of that portion of the county, whilst colored people could live there with safety, white people could not, during the summer months, with any assurance of health. For this reason white overseers were never employed. The plan was to select some intelligent trusty colored man and make him foreman, entrust-

ing the keys and leaving directions with him. As the country is level and the roads straight and smooth, the land owners could live with their families five or six miles away, or even more, from their farms, visit them in the day time and return at night to their homes. The foreman or "driver," as usually termed, would oversee the work and see that the directions of the owner were carried out during his absence. But the case is entirely different now. The colored man will have no colored boss or foreman over him, and the land owner must either live upon the farm through the sickly season and jeopardize his own life and that of his family, or else turn the whole thing over to the negroes. And any one at all familiar with the general character and habits of that people, will require no vigorous imagination to forecast the result. We then can readily see why the land in the lower half of the county around the old church should so depreciate in value as to become almost worthless. Whether the future will bring any relief, we can not say. Of this, however, we feel sure, that the present offers none. Under such environments and with such a gloomy outlook before them, the owners of land have been selling their farms in small parcels to the colored people at mere nominal values, and the prospect at present is that, sooner or later, that whole section will be owned by the people of that race; and whether, when thus completely under their domination and control, they will be equal to the task of reclaiming improving, and developing the same is a problem the future alone can solve.

As already stated, the Northern Congregationalists have established a large and seemingly flourishing institution in a few miles of the old church, and are laboring to elevate that people to a higher intellectual, social and religious plane. In these special lines they may have achieved much, but to the outsider and mere looker-on there seems thus

far to be very little, if any improvement in the department of agriculture, or any signs of an outward, visible progress. That part of the country presents the same neglected, forlorn condition to-day that it has for the past thirty years and more, since the time of emancipation. Indeed the trend, if anything seems rather in the direction of further degeneracy and ruin.

Why Dealt With Them Thus ?

The question then may here very properly be raised, why has the Lord dealt thus with His people? If so faithful to their trust and so zealous in His service, why visit them with such misfortunes and cause them to drink the cup of sorrow to its bitter dregs? I know of no better answer to this inquiry than by here copying an extract from a sermon preached by the writer at the annual celebration of the Society of the old church in May, 1889:

"You have no doubt already made an application of this subject to our present surroundings. This people have for years been confronted with a sad and mysterious providence. A picture has been presented for their contemplation, with lines deeply drawn, with alternate lights and shadows, and calling alike for thanksgiving and sadness; thanksgiving for the past, sadness for the present, and over the whole, for a coronal of hope, the dim bow of promise. When we look around and see the desolation, where once all was bright and fair; when fond memory brings to light the brighter scenes of other days; when we remember the unwonted piety and zeal of our ancestors who worshipped here at these sacred shrines, and recall the great blessings vouchsafed unto them in the past, and the wonderful prosperity with which this church was for generations so richly crowned; when we consider the noble work she has so nobly done, the many precious souls saved through

her instrumentality, and the multitude of whom it shall be said at the final count, when God shall write up his people, 'This and that man was born in her'; the many ministers she has sent out, among them missionaries to foreign fields; the many prominent, influential useful men she has given the state and world among them Governors, Congressmen, Signers of the Declaration of Independence, Professors, Teachers, Presidents of Institutions of learning, to say nothing of the numerous hosts of pious men and women she has reared to adorn the private walks of life; when we call to mind her great zeal and interest in the religious training of the colored people,¹ her strict observance of the Sabbath day, her numerous charities, her liberal contributions to the various causes of benevolence and religion, and her unswerving opposition to the liquor traffic, that powerful foe of the church and unmitigated curse of the world; when we consider all these things, and then contrast them with her present condition; her altars deserted, her sacrificial fires gone out, her house of worship fast going to decay, her once happy homes abandoned and her people scattered abroad, we naturally raise the question,

1. I here mention two facts omitted in their proper place. (1). The first is that the church at one time, 1833, contracted with, and paid Mr. Eugene Bacon, for the hire of his servant, Sam, a colored minister and watchman, furnishing him with food and clothing, and also a horse, that he might give himself wholly to ministerial work among the people of his own color. (2). The second is, that later on, in 1838, as they needed the presence of Tony Stevens, another colored minister and watchman, at the meeting of the Church Session, they agreed to pay his owner for all the time lost from the farm, whilst attending such meetings in the week days. A thing wholly unheard of elsewhere.

why is it thus? Why these reverses, this revolution, this decay?

"For an answer, we repeat the aphorism already given: 'All sunshine makes the desert.' The discipline of earth is but the admixture of victories and defeats, of alternate marches and retreats. It is necessary that clouds and darkness, be interspersed with light, disappointments and drawbacks be mixed with success. The frosts of winter, the genial months of spring, the withered leaves around the ripened grain, all are needed in their several places. Such is the weakness of human nature, that uninterrupted, outward prosperity would soon cause any people to be puffed up with the idea of their own greatness and goodness, their superior sagacity and wisdom. Like the Jews of old, they would soon begin to arrogate to themselves the high prerogative of being in an especial sense the people of God, and therefore to look down with haughty disdain upon their less fortunate neighbors. It might be that this people were drifting into a sentiment of that kind which the Lord saw necessary to rebuke.

"Or it might be that the object of these visitations was to prevent further degeneracy in another direction. As long as this people were shut out from the rest of the world they maintained their primitive simplicity of religious belief and practice, which was the foundation of their past achievements. But with building of the railroad, and the introduction of foreign influences, began also the gradual but certain departure from the puritan strictness and piety of their faithful ancestry. Like the ship loosed from its moorings, they were beginning to drift out upon the tide of an increasing worldliness, and some such disaster or reverse seemed necessary to arrest further spiritual degeneracy and decline. Even as God in mercy sends death to remove the aged and infirm before they present the revolting picture of ut-

ter imbecility and wasted manhood, so it might be that this church was cut off in its prime, and its record sealed up before the world should witness the sad spectacle of spiritual decay, and her past history in any way marred by the acts of her degenerate sons.

"Another and better reason is, that her work was done and the time for her removal come. 'First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear; and afterwards he putteth in the sickle, for the harvest is come.' The sickle is as important an implement of agriculture as the harrow or plow. Communities and nations, like individuals, have an allotted time for fruitage and when that time is past the sickle is put in to prepare for another sowing. No two blades of grass, no two rivers, no two sunsets, no two experiences, no two lives, no two deaths, are the same, nor yet have any two generations the same work to perform. When one finishes its mission it is removed and another raised up to take its place. And should this old church be an exception to the rule?

"And though our hearts are saddened to-day by the evidences of decay surrounding us, may we not find comfort in the precious truth that life comes out of death? The decaying tree perpetuates itself from the scions springing up from its roots. Man dies but lives in his works which follow, and his children who come after him. Joshua succeeds Moses in the leadership of Israel. Elisha receives the mantle of the ascending Elijah. The patriarchal dispensation gives place to the Jewish, the Jewish to the Christian, and the Christian is yet to yield to the Heavenly. Old Midway is not really dead, but only changed its form, only metamorphosed in her outer life. She still lives in her children. In her three fair daughters, Dorchester, Walthourville and Flemington, and her four equally vigorous and ac-

tive children of Africhue, Medway, Midway Congregational, Riceboro and Ebenezer, seven living organizations instead of one, seven centres of influence in the place of one single centre of radiation.

"She also lives in her many sons and daughters scattered everywhere, like precious seed, to form the nucleus of churches in different and distant places. 'The blood of the martyrs' has always been 'the seed of the church.' The persecution in the days of Stephen caused the gospel to spread, being everywhere preached by the refugees. So the dispersion of this people has caused them to enter everywhere into the fabric of church and state, carrying their principles and impressing the influence of the old church, and making her power more widely felt. The Varnedoes at Valdosta ; Bakers, at Thomasville; Stacy and Way, at Brunswick; Fleming, at Newton; Stevens, at Leesburg; Quarterman, at Winder; King, Dunwody and Minton, at Roxwell; Dowse, at Bath; Heywood and West at Perry, besides the large numbers entering into the population of the larger cities, as Savannah, Macon and Atlanta, are witnesses to this truth. No other community has contributed so largely to the upbuilding of the different churches in the state. Like her own world renowned Pear Tree, she has suffered the dismemberment of her own body for other plantings in other places; and like Samson of old, has actually slain more in her death than while living.

"What the future of this people will be, we know not. God may have some other work for them to do, and with this bitter training may be preparing them for it. The children of Israel were schooled in the wilderness for establishment in Canaan. The hardships and trials of the revolution only better prepared our forefathers for laying the foundation of

the American Republic. The noble character of Covenanter was developed only by Scotland passing through the fires of persecution. So the intense and continued cruelties practiced upon the Waldenses only so purified and strengthened their character, as to make them the grandest witnesses for the truth upon the earth. So it might be that God is sifting this people like wheat for another planting, and hardening them for some other great work. And though the former order of things may never be restored, and this building, hoary with age and rich in historic renown, as well as sacred memories, may tumble in ruins, and even these tombs and monuments, which mark the last resting places of many loved ones, whose mouldering bodies lie slumbering in this camping ground of the dead, be completely obliterated, yet if the descendants of this people, conscious of the mighty responsibility resting upon them, and inspired with fresh vigor and zeal from the monuments of the past, instead of spending the time glorying over by-gone achievements, or indulging gloomy forebodings about the future, would diligently and laboriously apply themselves to the task before them, they may yet continue the work so gloriously begun by their forefathers and even make the record of the old church still more illustrious. And it is possible, in some way unknown to us, that God may in the future raise up even here, out of these mouldering ruins, another church and clothe it with the vigor and freshness of former years.

"But if this be not His will, if the time of her active life be past and she is to live only in history and story, then let the influence of her embalmed life continue ever to linger like holy fragrance around this sacred spot, a silent witness of the past and a source of inspiration for the future; in either case a benediction to the world, and to all who shall come after."

THE END

APPENDIX

CHURCH OFFICERS

Ministers of Midway Church

Rev. John Osgood, 1754-1773.
Rev. James Edmonds (assistant) 1767-1769.
Rev. Moses Allen, 1777-1778.
Rev. Abiel Holmes, 1785-1791.
Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, 1791-1811.
Rev. Murdock Murphy, 1811-1823.
Rev. Robert Quarterman, 1823-1847.¹
Rev. I. S. K. Axson (co-pastor) 1836-1853.
Rev. T. S. Winn (co-pastor), 1848-1855.
Rev. D. L. Buttolph, 1854-1867.
Rev. John F. Baker, (assistant pastor) 1855.
Rev. Francis H. Bowman, (co-pastor) 1856-1859.

Temporary Supply

Rev. Jedidiah Morse, 1787.
Rev. Richard M. Baker, 1851.
Rev. John Winn, 1853.
Rev. R. Q. Mallard, 1855.
Rev. Donald Fraser, 1862.
Rev. R. Q. Way, 1866.

1. Continued honorary pastor until his death in 1849.

Deacons of Midway Church

William Baker, 1754-1767.
John Winn, 1767-1786.
Thomas Quarterman, 1785-1791.
Thomas Stevens, 1785-1801.
William Quarterman, 1791-1794.
William Baker, Sr., 1795-1798.
Peter Winn, 1798-1808.
James McCollough, 1801-1806.
Lazarus Mallard, 1806-1814.
John Stacy, 1808-1818.
Robert Quarterman, 1811-1823.
William Fleming, 1816-1820.
Joseph Law, 1820-1829.
Thomas Mallard, 1820-1861.
Moses Way, _____1831.
John S. Quarterman, _____1836.
John O. Baker, _____1836.
Samuel Jones, 1834-1836.
John Dunwody, 1836-1838.
Nathaniel Varnedoe, 1836-1856.
W. E. W. Quarterman, 1836-1866.
Samuel Spencer, 1836_____.
Ezra Stacy, 1838-1866.
John B. Mallard, 1838_____.
Edward Quarterman, 1850-1863.
Thomas Q. Cassels, 1857-1866.
J. O. Varnedoe (elected) 1866.

Clerks

Benjamin Baker, 1754-1766.
James Andrew, 1766-1771.
Benjamin Baker, 1771-1785.
Thomas Baker, 1785-1789.
William Baker, 1790-1798.
John Stacy, 1798-1818.
John Winn, 1818-1820.

Josiah Wilson, 1821-1824.

John W. Stacy, 1824-1854.

Lazarus J. Mallard, 1854-1867.

John L. Harden, 1887-1899.

Select Men

1754-5

John Stevens,
John Elliott,

William Baker,
Parmenas Way,

1756-7

Richard Baker,
John Elliott,
Parmenas Way,

William Baker,
John Winn,

1758-9

John Elliott,
William Baker,
Parmenas Way,

John Winn,
Samuel Burnley,

1760-5

John Elliott,
William Baker,
Parmenas Way,

John Winn,
John Stewart,

1766

Parmenas Way,
John Winn,
William Baker, Sr.,

Thomas Quarterman,
John Martin,

1767-8

Parmenas Way,
John Quarterman,
Benjamin Andrew,

Samuel Jones,
John Stevens,

1769

Parmenas Way,
John Martin,
John Stacy,

Benjamin Andrew,
John Quarterman,

1770-1

Parmenas Way,
John Martin,
Benjamin Andrew,

Peter Sallens,
John Stacy,

1772

Parmenas Way,
Benjamin Andrew,
John Stacy,

Samuel Saltus,
Gideon Dowse,

1773

Parmenas Way,
Benjamin Andrew,
John Stacy,

Samuel Saltus,
William Graves,

1774-8

Parmenas Way,
John Winn,
Benjamin Andrew,

William Graves,
Samuel Saltus,

1784

Gideon Dowse,
Thomas Stevens,
John Bacon,

John Elliott,
Peter Winn,

1785

Gideon Dowse,
Thomas Stevens,
Samuel Saltus,

John Elliott,
Peter Winn,

1786-9

Samuel Saltus,
John Elliott,
Gideon Dowse,

William Quarterman,
Peter Winn,

1790

Samuel Saltus,
John Elliott,
Peter Winn,

William Quarterman,
Thomas Sumner,

1791

John Elliott,
Thomas Sumner,
Peter Winn,

William Quarterman,
Josiah Osgood,

1792-3

Thomas Stevens,
Peter Winn,
Josiah Osgood,

William Way,
William Baker, Sr.

1794

Thomas Stevens,
Peter Winn,
William Way,

James Wilson,
William Baker,

1795-8

Thomas Stevens,
Peter Winn,
William Way,

James McCullough,
William Baker,

1799

Thomas Stevens,
Peter Winn,
William Way,

James McCullough,
John Osgood, Sr.

1800-1

James McCullough,
John Osgood,
Peter Winn,

Thomas Stevens,
Lazarus Mallard,

1802

Peter Winn,
James McCullough,
John Osgood,

Lazarus Mallard,
Thomas Mell,

1803-4

Peter Winn,
James McCullough,
John Osgood,

Lazarus Mallard,
Samuel Spencer,

1805-6

Peter Winn,
John Osgood,
Lazarus Mallard,

Thomas Bacon, Jr.
John Mallard,

1807-9

Peter Winn,
Lazarus Mallard,
Thomas Bacon, Jr.

John Mallard,
William Fleming,

1810

Lazarus Mallard,
John Mallard,
Thomas Mallard,

William Fleming,
John Osgood,

1811

Lazarus Mallard,
James Powell,
Thomas Mallard,

William Fleming,
John Osgood,

1812-15

Robert Quarterman,
James Powell,
Thomas Mallard,

William Fleming,
John Osgood,

1816

John Elliott,
James Powell,
Thomas Mallard,

William Fleming,
John Osgood,

1817-18

William Fleming,
Thomas Mallard,
John Elliott,

Micajah Andrews,
Josiah Wilson,

1819

William Fleming,
Thomas Mallard,

John Elliott,
Josiah Wilson,

1820-21

John Elliott,	Thomas Mallard,
Josiah Wilson,	John S. Quarterman,
Joseph Law, Sr.	

1822-25

John Elliott,	Thomas Mallard,
John O. Baker,	John S. Quarterman,
Joseph Law, Sr.,	

1826-27

Thomas Mallard,	Joseph Law, Sr.,
John O. Baker,	John S. Quarterman,
John Elliott,	

1828

Col. Joseph Law,	John S. Quarterman,
John O. Baker,	Moses Way,
Thomas Mallard,	

1829-30

John Dunwody,	John S. Quarterman,
John O. Baker,	Moses Way,
Thomas Mallard,	

1831-33

John Dunwody,	John S. Quarterman,
John O. Baker,	Elijah Baker,
Thomas Mallard,	

1834-35

John Dunwody,	John O. Baker,
Thomas Mallard,	Nathaniel Varnedoe,
Elijah Baker,	

1836-37

John Dunwody,	Thomas Mallard,
William Jones,	W. Q. Baker
Nathaniel Varnedoe,	

1838

Thomas Mallard,	William Jones,
W. Q. Baker,	Ezra Stacy,
Nathaniel Varnedoe,	

1839-41

Thomas Mallard,	William Jones,
W. Q. Baker,	W. E. W. Quarterman,
Nathaniel Varnedoe,	

1842-43

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
William Maxwell,	Thomas S. Mallard,
W. S. Baker,	

1844

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
William Maxwell,	Thomas S. Mallard,
Dr. J. M. B. Harden,	

1845-46

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
Thomas W. Fleming,	Thomas S. Mallard,
Dr. J. M. B. Harden,	

1847

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
Thomas W. Fleming,	Thomas Quarterman, Jr.
Dr. J. M. B. Harden,	

1848-49

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
Thomas W. Fleming,	W. E. W. Quarterman,
John B. Barnard,	

1850-51

Thomas Q. Cassels,	M. L. Jones,
Thomas S. Mallard,	W. Q. Baker,
John B. Barnard,	

1852-53

Thomas Q. Cassels, W. Q. Baker,
John B. Barnard, Thomas W. Fleming,
Thomas S. Mallard,

1854

Thomas Q. Cassels, W. Q. Baker,
John B. Barnard, Thomas W. Fleming,
John L. Mallard,

1855-57

Thomas Q. Cassels, W. S. Baker,
John B. Barnard, Thomas W. Fleming,
John L. Mallard,

1858-62

W. S. Baker, Thomas W. Fleming,
Thomas Q. Cassels, L. J. Mallard,
L. L. Varnedoe,

1863-64

Thomas Q. Cassels, L. L. Varnedoe,
A. M. King, L. J. Mallard,
Thomas W. Fleming,

NOTE.—No regular meeting in 1865. In December of this year at a called meeting L. J. Mallard, L. L. Varnedoe, and A. M. King were "authorized to hold office of Select Men till annual meeting." There was, however, no "annual meeting" of the Society until twenty years afterwards, in 1887, and after the dissolution of the church.

GENEALOGIES

I give the genealogies of a few of the early families, beginning with the most remarkable, that of John Quarterman, the ancestor of so many ministers and prominent men.

JOHN QUARTERMAN, SR.

John Quarterman, Sr., married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Baker, Sr.

Children: 1. John. 2. Thomas, born March 27, 1742; 3. Robert; 4. William, born September 7, 1746.

Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman died August 12, 1775.

John Quarterman, Sr., married second, Hannah Taylor, June 8, 1756.

1. Daughter, born March 5, 1757; 2. Jemima, 1758; 3. Richard, July 27, 1760.

John Quarterman, Sr., died February 21, 1765.

John Quarterman, Jr., son of John and Elizabeth Quarterman, married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Osgood, October 11, 1754.

Children:—1. Sarah, born July 21, 1755; 2. Elijah; 3. Elizabeth, December 27, 1759; 4. John, December 30, 1762; 5. William, April 3, 1764.

John Quarterman, Jr., died June 21, 1769. Mrs. Sarah Quarterman married second, Parmenas Way, Sr., (second wife) June 9, 1772. Mrs. Sarah Way died June 20, 1776. Parmenas Way, Sr., married third, Mrs. Elizabeth (Andrew) Baker, widow of Richard Baker, November 12, 1776.

Thomas Sumner married first, Sarah Quarterman, daughter of John and Sarah Quarterman, May 17, 1774.

Daughter. Sarah, born February 4, 1775.

Mrs. Sarah Sumner died in South Carolina December 24, 1779.

Thomas Sumner married (second) in South Carolina. Anna Baker, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Andrew) Baker, December 24, 1782.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born September 1, 1783, died March 8, 1792; 2. Ann, April 5, 1785; 3. Cynthia, March 25, 1790; Married Benjamin Mell February 19, 1807, father of Dr. P. H. Mell, born July 19, 1814.

Mrs. Anna Sumner died March 13, 1791; Thomas Sumner died December 22, 1791.

Elijah Quarterman, son of John and Sarah, married Margaret Wilson in South Carolina in 1783. No children. After the death of Elijah Quarterman, she married John Stacy May 3, 1787.

Children:—1. John, born 1788; died November 15, 1788. 2. Mary Wilson, February 14, 1790; married Joseph Norman March 26, 1807. 3. Margaret, May 2, 1793, second wife of John S. Quarterman.

Elizabeth Quarterman, daughter of John and Sarah Quarterman, married James Wilson September 10, 1782.

Children:—1. Sarah, born September 10, 1783; married Thomas Mallard March 6, 1800. 2. William, December 1, 1885. 3. John Osgood, April 27, 1788. 4. Eliza, December, 1790. 5. James, January 7, 1793; married Sarah Bacon February 29, 1816.

James Wilson died December 10, 1794, and his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, married (second) Lazarus Mallard February 20, 1800.

John Winn, the son of Peter and Mary Farley Winn, and grandson of John and Sarah Winn, was born December 4, 1774, and married Eliza Wilson, daughter of James and Elizabeth Wilson, May 7, 1806.

Children—1. James, born August 1, 1807. 2. Mary Eliza, Oct. 12, 1809. 3. Sarah, November 20, 1811; married Ezra Stacy. 4. John, (Rev.) January 10, 1814. 5. Peter, (Rev.) September 27, 1815. 6. William Wilson, June 1818. 7. Thomas Sumner, (Rev.) March 5, 1820.

Rev. Samuel J. Cassels married Mary Eliza Winn December, 1828.

Children;—1. John Winn. 2. Eliza Winn. 3. Abraham Walker. 4. Samuel Jones. 5. Tallulah.

Rev. Joseph M. Quarterman married Eliza Winn Cassels.

Rev. John Winn married (first) Mary Brown.

Children:—1. Henry Holmes. 2. George. 3. Thomas Clay, (missionary). 4. Harriet Louisa, (missionary.) 5. John.

Rev. Peter Winn married Margaret McCombs. Rev. Peter Winn died January 18, 1847. Mrs. Margaret Winn married Henry Bartlett, of New Orleans.

William Wilson Winn married (first) Louisa Varnedoe.

Children:—1. Clarence Varnedoe. 2. Sarah Eleanora. 3. Eliza Ann. 4. Matilda Claudia. 5. William Wilson. 5. Louis Sumner.

Mrs. Louisa Winn died December 2, 1856.

William Wilson Winn married (second) Claudia Varnedoe.

Children:—1. Stonewall. 2. Louisa.

Rev. Thomas Sumner Winn married Mary Quarterman, daughter of Rev. Robert Quarterman, March 23, 1848.

Children:—1. Emily Clifford. 2. Leighton

Wilson. 3. William Wallace. 4. Thomas Fleming. 5. Frank Axson. 6. Mary Leila, (missionary.) 7. Eva Howe. 8. Bessie.

Mrs. Mary Winn died October 17, 1881.

THOMAS QUARTERMAN, Sr.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 1.), second son of John Quarterman, Sr., married three times. Married (first) Rebecca Bacon November 29, 1757.

Children:—1. Rebecca, born September 19, 1758; married John Norman, September 5, 1775. 2. Joseph. 3. Thomas, (omitted from the Record.) 4. William. 5. Sarah.

Joseph Quarterman, Sr., son of Thomas and Rebecca, married (cousin), Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Quarterman, May 17, 1787.

Children:—1. Rebecca, born October 7, 1790. 2. Ann, October 26, 1793. 3. Joseph, (colonel) April 26, 1796. 4. Miriam E., May 16, 1798. 5. John Bacon, July 18, 1799. 6. Susannah, December 28, 1801.

Joseph Quarterman, Sr., died December 26, 1806.

Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman, first wife of Thomas Quarterman (No. 1) died March 11, 1775.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 1) married (second) Rebecca Smallwood May 13, 1776.

Child, John, born May 25, 1777; died February 17, 1790.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 1) married (third) Mrs. Rebecca Ball in South Carolina, 1779. She was Rebecca Baker, the aunt of Dr. Daniel Baker, and married first, Samuel Jones, second, Edward Ball, and third Thomas Quarterman.

Children:—1. Susannah, born January 20, 1784.

2. Robert, (Rev.) January 13, 1787. 3. Thomas, December 23, 1791; died July 29, 1792.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 1), died May 31, 1791. Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman (third wife), died March 15, 1792.

Thomas Quarterman, (No. 2) son of Thomas and Rebecca Bacon, married Rennie Norman March 29, 1787.

Child. Thomas, born February 13, 1788.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 2) died 1788.

Mrs. Rennie Quarterman, his wife, married (second) Hon. John Elliott, United States senator, July 1, 1790, who died 1791; and married (third) Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve (four children). Mrs. Rennie Gildersleeve died November 15, 1807.

Thomas Quarterman (No. 3), son of Thomas and Rennie, married first, Elizabeth Osgood; second, Elizabeth Peacock, (five or six children); third Mrs. Sarah E. Norman.

Rev. Robert Quarterman, son of Thomas Quarterman, (No. 1), and his third wife, Mrs. Rebecca Ball, married (first), his cousin, Rebecca, daughter of Robert Quarterman, September 1, 1807.

Children:—1. Edward William, born November 29, 1808. 2. Mary Susannah, October 3, 1810; died October 15, 1811. 3. Rebecca Elizabeth, March 1, 1812. 4. Robert Thomas, October 15, 1813.

Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman died November 11, 1813.

Rev. Robert Quarterman married (second) Margaret Esther Myddleton, March 2, 1815.

(Rev.) William Myddleton born September 6, 1816.

Mrs. Margaret E. Quarterman died October 31, 1817.

Rev. Robert Quarterman married (third) Mary Jemima Way December 3, 1818.

Children:—1. Harriet Newell, born October 31, 1819. 2. (Rev.) John Winn, September 21, 1821. 3. Anna Rebecca, October 1, 1822. 4. Susan Caroline, August 26, 1824. 5. Mary, April 5, 1826. 6. (Rev.) Joseph Melanchthon, April 13, 1828. 7. Hattie Augusta, December 18, 1829. 8. Henry Martin, February 26, 1832. 9. Thomas Way, July 2, 1834. 10. Emma Lavinia, August 12, 1835. 11. Samuel Jones, February 26, 1838. 12. (Rev.) N. Pratt, September 30, 1839.

Mrs. Mary Jemima Quarterman died September 22, 1841.

Rev. Robert Quarterman married (4th) Mrs. Margaret Sarah Baker August 18, 1842.

Rev. Robert Quarterman died April 19, 1849.

Edward William Quarterman, son of Rev. Robert and Rebecca Quarterman, married Adeline Way.

Among other children, Rev. John Way Quarterman, born March 18, 1841.

Rev. Richard Q. Way married Susan Caroline, daughter of Rev. Robert Quarterman, June 6, 1843.

Children:—1. Edward Clifford, born May 17, 1844. 2. Charles Frances, March 4, 1846. 3. George Howard, January 25, 1848. 4. Mary Augusta, July 14, 1850. 5. Georgia Serena, December 28, 1851. 6. Elliott Clifford, February 22, 1855. 7. Horace Winn, December 12, 1857. 8. (Rev.) Louis Theodore, May 20, 1866. Edward Clifford was born at Singapore and killed in the war between the states in 1864. All the others, except Louis Theodore, were born at Ningpo, China.

Rev. R. Q. Way died August 6, 1895. Mrs. Susan Caroline Way died May, 1893.

ROBERT QUARTERMAN

Robert Quarterman, son of John Quarterman, Sr., and Elizabeth, married (1st) Mary Way June 16, 1767.

Son, Robert, born 1768.

Mrs. Mary Quarterman died November 2, 1770.

Robert Quarterman married (2d) Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Andrew) Baker, May 9, 1771.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born February 28, 1773. 2. Mary, August, 31, 1774. 3. Ann, November 29, 1775. 4. Edward, January 18, 1778. 5. Lydia, February 28, 1780. 6. Polly, April 2, 1782. 7. Rinta, September 28, 1784. 8. Rebecca, September 28, 1785.

Elizabeth Quarterman, daughter of Robert Quarterman, married (1st) her cousin, Joseph Quarterman, May 17, 1787.

Children:—1. Rebecca, died May 22, 1792. 2. Ann, born October 26, 1793. 3. Joseph, April 26, 1796. 4. Miriam E., May 16, 1798. 5. John Bacon, July 18, 1799. 6. Susannah, December 28, 1801.

Ann Quarterman, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth, married Louis LeConte January 30, 1812.

Children:—1. William, born Nov. 18, 1812. 2. Jane, November 23, 1814; married Dr. J. M. B. Harden. 3. John (professor), December 4, 1818. 4. Louis, January 4, 1821. 5. Joseph (professor), September 26, 1823. 6. Ann, March 26, 1825; married Dr. J. P. Stevens. Among other children, Prof. Walter LeConte Stevens.

Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman married (2d) John Roberts, Feb. 6, 1806.

Children:—1. Mary Jane, born 1806. 2. Rennie, May 28, 1809; married R. P. Burton. 3. Daughter, March, 1812.

Mary Jane Roberts married William Jones May 15, 1823.

Children:—1. Matilda, born September 13, 1824. 2. William Louis (professor), March 27, 1827. 3. Rosa Jane, July 17, 1829. 4. Louisa Leonora, November, 1831. 5. Mary Cornelia, March 25, 1834; married Rev. Thomas Goulding Pond. 6. Samuel John, January 3, 1838.

Ann Quarterman, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth, married Micajah Andrews May 31, 1797.

Children:—1. Joseph, born June 12, 1798; father of Rev. Hansford Andrews. 2. (Rev.) Edward Quarterman, October 26, 1800. 3. Anna Rebecca, March 11, 1803. 4. Robert Quarterman (Rev.) March 23, 1805. 5. Sarah Jane, June 10, 1807. 6. John, November 9, 1809. 7. Elizabeth Polly, March 8, 1813; married Elisha Smith. 8. Lydia Quarterman, Oct. 1, 1815.

Edward Quarterman, son of Robert and Elizabeth, married Anna Winn May 10, 1798. Edward Quarterman died April, 1799.

Mrs. Anna Quarterman married (2d) William E. Way in 1800.

Daughter, Jemima, born May 25, 1801; married Rev. Robert Quarterman.

William E. Way died November 25, 1802.

Mrs. Anna Way married (3d) William Fleming. Son, Thomas Winn Fleming, born in September, 1815.

Lydia Quarterman, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth, married (1st) John Mallard March 7, 1797.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born April 22, 1798. 2. Mary, March 11, 1802; married T. Q. Cassels 1831. 3. Ann Lydia, July 15, 1804; married W. Q. Baker, 1821. 4. John Boyd, September 18, 1808; married

(1st) Eloisa Field December 26, 1839; (2d), Sarah Way.

Mrs. Lydia Mallard married (2d) Robert Laing April, 1824.

WILLIAM QUARTERMAN

William Quarterman, third son of John Quarterman, Sr., and Elizabeth, married Sarah Stewart February 19, 1767.

Children:—1. William born February 28, 1771; killed by Indians September 25, 1788. 2. Susannah, August 20, 1773. 3. John Stewart, May 29, 1775. 4. Cynthia Bap, June 31, 1777. 5. Sarah, October 22, 1778. 6. Eliza, September 24, 1781. 7. Richard, July 1, 1784. 8. Rebecca, October 6, 1786. 9. Son, September 9, 1788. 10. Arlissa, February 13, 1791.

Captain William Quarterman died December 20, 1794. Mrs. Sarah Quarterman died February 12, 1832, at Walthourville.

Susannah, daughter of William and Sarah Quarterman, married Major John Bacon March 9, 1785.

Children:—1. William Quarterman, born March 16, 1796. 2. Sally, August 30, 1798. 3. Daughter, July 24, 1801. 4. Susannah Quarterman, January 25, 1806. 5. John, December 5, 1807. 6. Son, (Joseph), November 5, 1810; married (1st) Olivia Fleming, and (2d) Harriet Mallard.

Major John Bacon married (2d) Mary Hazzard.

Sally, daughter of Major John Bacon and Susannah, married (1st) James Wilson, February 29, 1816.

Daughter, Susan Eliza, born February 10, 1819; married Thomas W. Fleming.

Mrs. Sally Wilson married (2d) William Spencer August, 1822.

Children:—Samuel B., (Maj.) Anna Coushi.
Mrs. Susannah Bacon died July 23, 1805.

John Stewart Quarterman, son of William and Sarah, married (1st) Ann Way March 24, 1796.

Children:—1. John Edward, born December, 1796. 2. William, November 24, 1798. 3. Edward Way, March 31, 1800. 4. William Elliott Way, December 15, 1802. 5. Sarah Stewart, December 3, 1804.

W. E. W. Quarterman married (1st) Jane Ferguson February, 1823.

Son, born February 4, 1824.

W. E. W. Quarterman married (2d) Mary Dorsey January 31, 1829.

Children:—1. Ann Irene; married (1st) Rev. Moses Way, and (2d) Ezra Stacy. 2. Sarah Elizabeth.

W. E. W. Quarterman married (3d) Mrs. Lydia Baker in April, 1858.

John Stewart Quarterman married (2d) Margaret Stacy April 2, 1812, who died January 9, 1816.

John Stewart Quarterman married (3d) Susannah Myers February 19, 1817.

Children:—1. John Lawrence, born January 25, 1818. 2. Sarah Ann, July 9, 1821. 3. Susan Westbury, September 22, 1722; married John S. Norman. 4. LaFayette Stewart, December 25, 1827; married (1st) Rebecca McGowen, and (2d) Eliza Mann. 5. Richard.

John S. Quarterman died March 5, 1836.

Sarah Quarterman, daughter of William and Sarah, married John Stacy, (2d wife) November 23, 1797.

Children:—1. John William, born November 3, 1798. 2. James, September 1, 1801. 3. Eliza Quarterman, October 25, 1804. 4. Ezra, May 31, 1807. 5. Sarah Ann, June 20, 1810; died October 31, 1810. 6. Richard, December 29, 1811; died Jan. 10, 1812. 7. Robert, March 18, 1813; died October 24th.

John Stacy died April 7, 1818. Mrs. Sarah Stacy died May 8, 1826.

John W. Stacy married Mary Bacon January 27, 1825.

Children:—1. Milton Elbert, born December 31, 1825. 2. Lavinia, January 27, 1828; died September 20, 1829. 3. James, (Rev.), June 2, 1830. 4. Mary Eliza, October 17, 1836. 5. Thomas Goulding, August 26, 1839. 6. Son, May 16, 1841. 7. Daughter, April 4, 1843.

John W. Stacy died July 23, 1871. Mrs. Mary Stacy died Nov. 23, 1857.

Elizabeth Quarterman, daughter of William and Sarah (Stewart) Quarterman, married William E. Way, May 10, 1798.

Children:—1. Son Quarterman, born January 25, 1799; married Sarah daughter of Thomas Mallard, by (1st wife.) 2. Daughter, Sarah, married John B. Mallard, (2d wife).

Milton Elbert Stacy, son of John W. and Mary Stacy, married (1st) Elizabeth Andrews December 31, 1846.

Children:—1. Ella, born 1848. 2. Howard, Jan. 6, 1850. 3. Juliet A. February 15, 1852; married C. R. Hodges March 17, 1873, and died March 27, 1877. 4. Weston, August 7, 1854. 5. Hawley Bacon, February 27, 1857. 6. Elbert Rush, March 27, 1861.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stacy died April 8, 1889.

Milton E. Stacy married (2d) Fannie McRae

March 5, 1890, who died January 8, 1893.

Milton E. Stacy married (3d) Fannie M. Johnson April 9, 1894.

James Stacy, son of John W. and Mary Stacy married (1st) Jane E. Hawley, April 18, 1855.

Children:—1. Eva, born March 20, 1857; died June 3, 1857. 2. James Hawley, June 6, 1858; died June 18, 1858.

Mrs. Jane E. Stacy died June 8, 1858.

James Stacy married (2d) Mary Jane McIver December 10, 1860, who died November 18, 1861.

James Stacy married (3d) Mrs. Emily Jones Kendrick October 9, 1867, who was the Widow of Major Meredith Kendrick, who fell at Kennesaw.

Tallulah, daughter of Major Meredith and Emily J. Kendrick, born May 12, 1857; died May 19, 1859.

Mary Eliza Stacy, daughter of John W. and Mary Stacy, married Robert T. Quarterman March 15, 1855. He married (1st) Wilhelmina Middleton.

Robert T. Quarterman died March 24, 1885.

Thomas Goulding Stacy, son of John W. and Mary Stacy, married (1st) Caroline Palmer December 18, 1860.

Children:—1. Palmer Goulding. 2. Carlton Ingersoll. 3. Harry Sumner. 4. Herbert Dexter. 5. Addie Augusta. 6. Emmie Isadora.

Mrs. Caroline Stacy died June 1878.

Thomas Goulding Stacy married (2d) Maria Louisa Stacy Feb. 1, 1879.

Children:—1. Frank Lavendar. 2. Ernest Hunter. 3. Thomas Sumner.

Thomas G. Stacy died January 13, 1893.

JEMIMA QUARTERMAN

Jemima, daughter of John Quarterman, Sr., and second wife, Hannah Taylor, married John Way, Sr., son of Samuel Way, about 1775.

Son, John Way, born January 12, 1776.

John Way, Jr., married Rebecca Jones September 17, 1807.

Children:—1. William Elliott, born September 11, 1808; married Eliza Quarterman. 2. Son, July, 1810. 3. Adeline, February 2, 1817; married Edward Quarterman. 4. Robert Quarterman, (Rev.) December 20, 1819; married Susan Quarterman. 5. Murdock Murphy, October 16, 1821. 6. Henry, August 31, 1823. 7. Nathaniel, May 5, 1825.

Remark

The above is but an imperfect list of the descendants of John Quarterman, Sr., but enough to show how wonderfully blest in the extent of his posterity. So in the number of prominent people descending from him, as appears from the following list I give, of those I now remember.

Ministers

John Winn, Peter Winn, Thomas Sumner Winn, Thomas Clay Winn, Robert Quarterman, W. M. Quarterman, John Winn Quarterman, Joseph M. Quarterman, N. P. Quarterman, John Way Quarterman, C. A. Baker, B. L. Baker, R. Q. Baker, R. Q. Way, L. T. Way, James Stacy, Louis LeConte, E. Q. Andrews, R. Q. Andrews, Hansford Andrews, Hartwell Andrews, Chalmers Fraser, Thomas Goulding Pond. - 23.

Foreign Missionaries

J. W. Quarterman, R. Q. Way, Louis LeConte,

H. Clay Winn, Mrs. Susan Way, Miss Harriet Louisa Winn, Miss Leila Way. - 7.

Professors and Teachers

The celebrated LeConte brothers, John and Joseph, Louis Jones, John B. Mallard, Walter LeConte Stevens, physicist, W. H. Baker, John Baker, S. B. Spencer. - 8.

Besides a host of prominent men, in the walks of business and social life, and a large number of noted women too numerous to mention. What a wonderful record. I know of no other man upon whom such high honor has ever been bestowed.

THE BAKER FAMILY

There were several of these, namely: William, the first deacon, and grandfather of Dr. Daniel Baker; Benjamin, the clerk; Richard, John Baker, Sr., and Major William and Col. John Baker.

William Baker, Sr., First Deacon.

William Baker, Sr., married (1st) Sarah (Osgood?).

Children:—1. William. 2. Rebecca. 3. Sarah. Mrs. Sarah Baker died January 4, 1763.

William Baker, Sr., married (2d) Mrs. Rebecca Way, widow of Samuel Way, and who was Miss Lupton. No children.

William Baker, Sr., died March 15, 1767. His wife, Rebecca, died two days afterwards.

William Baker, Jr., second deacon, married (1st) Elizabeth Dunham March 27, 1771.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born June 30, 1774. 2. Sarah, January 27, 1776. 3. Mary January 31,

1778. 4. Sarah Osgood, September 21, 1779. 5. William, September 28, 1782. 6. Rebecca January 25, 1785. 7. John Osgood, November 27, 1786. 8. Gideon, August 19, 1788. 9. Daniel, (Evangelist) August 27, 1791.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker died February 16, 1792.

William Baker, Jr., married (2d) Mrs. Susannah (Dick) Hornsby, January 8, 1792.

Son, Thomas, born January 30, 1795.

Mrs. Susannah Baker, died March 25, 1795.

William Baker, Jr., married (3d) Ann Stevens September, 17, 1795.

Son, (Rev.) Joseph Stevens, born September 20, 1797.

Rebecca daughter of William Baker, Sr., and Sarah, married (1st) Samuel Jones August 15, 1763.

Children:—1. Rebecca, June 27, 1763. 2. Samuel, married Mary Way. 3. Mary, August 6, 1769. 4. Sarah, July 23, 1771.

Rebecca Jones, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca, married (1st) W. H. Cassels, who died April 20, 1789. Married (2d) Robert Iverson, father of Hon. Alfred Iverson, United States Senator, March 9, 1790.

Sarah Jones, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca, married Elias Cassels, December 10, 1791.

Children:—1. William, born December 4, 1791; died 1792. 2. John, October 18, 1793; died 1795. 3. Elias, November 24, 1795. 4. William Henry September 22, 1797. 5. Margaret Rebecca, February 2, 1800. 6. Susannah May 13, 1802. 7. Benjamin Franklin, February 14, 1804. 8. (Rev.) Samuel Jones, February 24, 1806. 9. Thomas Q., January 11, 1808, grandfather of Rev. Chalmers Fraser. 10. (Rev.) John Baker, April 6, 1811.

Samuel Jones died February 5, 1771.

Mrs. Rebecca Jones married (2d) Edward Ball, of Virginia, Jan. 21, 1773.

Children:—1. Elizabeth. 2. William, born May 31, 1777. 3. John Osgood and Samson Edward, November, 1779.

Mrs. Rebecca Ball married (3d) Thomas Quarterman, in South Carolina, in 1779.

Children:—1. Susannah, January 20, 1784. 2. (Rev.) Robert, January 13, 1789. 3. Thomas, December 23, 1791.

William Baker, son of William, Jr., 2d deacon, and Elizabeth Baker married and had a son, John Baker, minister, who died in 1834.

John Osgood Baker, son of William, Jr., 2d. deacon, and Elizabeth, married Adeline Fabian December, 1823. Among the children, two sons were ministers, William Elliott and John Fabian. The latter married and had two sons who were ministers, William Steele and Adolph Elhart.

Daniel Baker, the celebrated evangelist, and brother of the above, married Elizabeth McRobert, March 28, 1816. Among the children were two ministers, Daniel Sumner and William Munford.

Dr. Daniel Baker died December 10, 1857.

BENJAMIN BAKER

Benjamin Baker, son of Thomas, married (1st) Susannah Osgood, sister of Rev. John Osgood.

Children:—1. Sarah, married John Winn, Jr., August 17, 1767. 2. Elizabeth, married Samuel Stevens March 14, 1769. 3. Susannah, married Samuel Saltus May 16, 1768. 4. John "B.," married Harriet Way, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Way,

January 5, 1778.

Mrs. Susannah Baker died December 3, 1752.

Benjamin Baker married (2d) Elizabeth Lax November 18, 1753.

Children:—1. William "B.," born September 14, 1754. 2. Rebecca, July 20, 1756. 3. Samuel, March 31, 1758. 4. Nathaniel, May 25, 1760. 5. Joseph, April 21, 1762. 6. Christopher, November 22, 1764. 7. Elijah, October 15, 1769; (clerk of County Court 26 years.) 8. Ann, September 29, 1772. 9. Benjamin, September 22, 1778.

Benjamin Baker died December 1, 1785. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker died July 11, 1799.

Elijah Baker, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth, married Mrs. Rebecca Norman, (nee Baker), daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Andrew) Baker, April 13, 1797.

Son, William Quarterman Baker, born December 11, 1800; married (1st) Anna Lydia Mallard in 1821.

Children:—1. William Elijah, born September 29, 1822. 2. Caroline Amanda, January 4, 1824. 3. Rebecca Ann, September 24, 1825. 4. Lydia Matilda, January 11, 1827. 5. Macon, June 27, 1828. 6. John Elijah, March 23, 1833. 7. William Henry, September 1, 1834. 8. Sarah. 9. Mary. 10. (Rev.) Robert Q., January 18, 1838. 11. (Rev.) C. Augustus, October 29, 1839. 12. (Rev.) Benjamin L., January 8, 1843. 13. Kossuth.

William Quarterman Baker married (2d) Sarah Varnedoe.

RICHARD BAKER

Richard Baker married (1st) Elizabeth (Sumner?), who died September 12, 1754.

Richard Baker married (2d) Elizabeth Andrew, sister of Benjamin and James Andrew, April 28, 1755.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born April 28, 1756. 2. Lydia, January 1, 1758; married Joseph McGowen. 3. Mary, July 16, 1759; married Edward Way. 4. Richard, December 28, 1761. 5. William "R.," May 27, 1764; married Mary Norman. 6. Anna, November 4, 1766; married Thomas Sumner (2d wife.) 7. Sarah, April 18, 1769. 8. Rebecca, March 11, 1772; married (1st) William Norman, afterwards Elijah Baker.

Richard Baker died April 10, 1775.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker married (2d) Parmenas Way, Sr., November 12, 1776.

WILLIAM BAKER

William Baker, no doubt the "Major Baker," of Revolutionary fame married Mary (Jeans?).

Children:—1. Ann, born September 5, 1759. 2. William Jeans, 1763.

Mrs. Mary Baker, died July 17, 1767.

William Baker married (2d) Hannah McCartey April 30, 1772.

Children:—1. Elizabeth, born May 7, 1773. 2. Susannah, November 13, 1774. 3. Ann, 1776. 4. Charles, May 24, 1778.

William Jeans Baker, son of William, married (1st) Mary Wells 1782.

Children:—1. Hepeworth Carter, born 1786. 2. Charlotte, 1790.

Mrs. Mary Baker died March 24, 1795.

William Jeans Baker married (2d) Elizabeth Way June 14, 1796.

Children:—1. William W.¹, born July 26, 1797. 2. Artemas, 1800. 3. Samuel, March 9, 1803. 4. Eliza, April, 1805. 5. Edward, about 1809. 6. (Rev.) John W., January 24, 1811. 7. (Rev.) Richard M., April 30, 1813.

COL. JOHN BAKER

Col. John Baker came from Carolina, and doubtless was related to Richard and William, but how, I am unable to say. The Record speaks of John Baker, Sr., and wife, Sarah, who joined the church in 1763. If this be Col. Baker, then he was married twice, for he afterwards, in 1784, married Mrs. Mary Lapina, who afterwards married Dr. McWhir. Col. John Baker died June 9, 1792.

THE WAY FAMILY

There were several of these. The churchbook literally teems with them. Among the original settlers were Samuel, Parmenas, Edward, Nathaniel, Moses, and Andrew. Indeed, so many and so intermarried were they, that at this late day it would be well nigh impossible to trace out the different relationships. The case is very aptly put in the following couplet of names, formed, it is said, by Dr. W. P. McConnell in 1843, a year generally known as one of exceeding scarcity and hardness, which I give both as a specimen of Liberty county wit, as well as illustration of the point.

1. NOTE:—William W. Baker, for many years a Senator from Liberty county and Commander of the Liberty Troop, was killed by his horse a few miles from Milledgeville on his way home after the adjournment of the Legislature. His remains were taken back to Milledgeville and interred, and the Legislature erected a monument over his grave. He was unmarried.

Said he:

We have Hams and Dun-hams, Bacons
and Greens,
Manns and Quartermans, Plenty of Ways,
but no Means."

The Way family is just as old as numerous. Together with the Sumner's, it is the only one that can be traced directly back to England through the Massachusetts colony.

Henry Way came over from Bristol, England, with Roger Williams, February 8, 1631, and settled in Dorchester, and died in 1667, aged eighty-four years. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 23, 1665, aged eighty-four years. They had three sons born in England: George, Richard and Aaron, who removed with their father. George never left Dorchester, and still has a large number of descendants living in and around Boston. The Carolina and Liberty county Ways descended chiefly from Richard and Aaron, and especially of the latter, of whom we know most.

William Sumner and his wife, Mary, came over from Burcester, Oxford county, England, as early as 1637. Among the children born in Dorchester were Increase and Joanna Sumner. Joanna married a Way, who was Aaron, as believed.

In Daniel Axtell's day book, used on the Ashley, we meet with the names of Aaron Way, Sr., Aaron, Jr., Moses, William, Sr., and William, Jr. And in the probate court in Charleston we have the will of Moses and William Way. From it all we would make the following genealogical descent:

Aaron Way, Sr., married Joanna Sumner.
Children:—Aaron, William, Moses and Samuel.

From William and Perces, his wife, were born William, Jr., and Henry, and daughter Perces, who married a Sumner, and Waitstill, who married an Osgood.

To Moses, who died in Carolina in 1737, and wife, Sarah, were born Parmenas, Stephen, Joseph, Parthena and Sarah.

To Parmenas, among other children, Moses, who was unmarried at the time of the removal to Georgia.

As Moses was an officer in the state troops in the old war, and my own immediate ancestor, I give some of his descendants:

MOSES WAY

Moses Way married (1st) Lydia Mitchell, February 9, 1756.

Children:—1. Lydia, born November 23, 1756. 2. John, May 3, 1759. 3. William, 1762.

Mrs. Lydia Way died in 1765.

Peter Sallens married Lydia, daughter of Moses Way, July 14, 1774.

Daughter, Sarah, born. Peter Sallens died October 28, 1775.

John Foster married Mrs. Lydia Sallens. Daughter, Mary, born.

Jonathan Bacon married (1st) Mary Foster, November 15, 1798.

Children:—1. Mary Rebecca, born September 16, 1799. 2. Sarah, 1801. 3. Lydia Way, Nov. 1, 1802. 4. Elizabeth, September 15, 1805; married (1st) Moses W. Way, and (2d) S. S. Moody. 5. Mary, October 26, 1807; married John W. Stacy.

Jonathan Bacon married (2d) Elizabeth H.

Phelps April 28, 1814.

Daughter, Eliza Amarantha, born September 11, 1816.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon died October 21, 1816.

Jonathan Bacon married (3d) Mrs. Mary Osgood, nee Winn, (who first married John Osgood, Jr.,) January 8, 1818.

John Way, son of Moses, Sr., and Lydia Mitchell, married Sarah Goulding February 15, 1790.

Children:—1. John, born October 6, 1790. 2. Thomas Graves, January 7, 1793. 3. Moses William, December 6, 1794.

Moses William Way married (1st) Sarah Ann Bacon. Son born, Edmond Bacon.

Moses William Way married (2d) Elizabeth Bacon.

Children:—1. Addison. 2. Moses (Rev.). 3. Cornelia. 4. Joseph Bacon (physician).

Moses Way, Sr., married (2d) Ann Winn March 12, 1766.

Children:—1. Mary, born in 1767. 2. Susannah, 1769, (Mrs. White). 3. Patty, 1772. 4. Moses, 1776; married Mrs. Susannah Dowse April 3, 1800. 5. Rebecca Thompson, 1786. (Mrs. Shearer).

Mary, daughter of Moses Way, Sr., and (2d) wife, Anna Winn, married Samuel Jones, Jr., March 22, 1787.

Children:—1. Rebecca, born February 12, 1792. 2. Ann, March 23, 1794; married Nathaniel Varnedoe. 3. Samuel, July, 1796. 4. Thomas, 1800. 5. William, 1802; married Mary Jane Roberts. 6. Son, April 1805. 7. Moses L., April 29, 1810; married Saccharissa Axson, grandparents of Rev. John Lake.

Moses Way, Sr., died in 1786. Mrs. Ann Way

died February 11, 1690.

THE NORMAN FAMILY

William Norman I., removed from Carolina March 22, 1771. He married Mary Boyd, of Charleston.

Children:—1. William, born September 26, 1772. 2. Mary, married William Baker "R.," April 21, 1785. 3. Renchie, 1775; married Thomas Quarterman March 29, 1787.

Mary Baker, daughter of William Baker "R" and Mary, married Peter Farley Winn February 3, 1807, and died February 3, 1819.

William Baker "R" died April 21, 1785.

Mrs. Mary Baker married (2d) John Roberts, July 28, 1791, and died October 1, 1804.

Mrs. Mary Boyd Norman married (2d) Lazarus Mallard, Sept. 4, 1775.

Children:—1. Thomas, born April 13, 1788. 2. John.

William Norman II, married Rebecca Baker, daughter of Richard Baker, June 25, 1792.

William Norman II, died January 16, 1796. Mrs. Rebecca Norman died April 21, 1797.

William Norman III, son of the above, was born January 25, 1794, and married Sarah Sanford, of Bryan county, Ga., November 17, 1818, and died April 6, 1827.

William Sanford Norman, son of William III, married Susan Lorena Stacy January 23, 1845. There was a large family of children, among them Hon. Newton J. Norman.

THE OSGOOD FAMILY

I regret that I am not able to speak with absolute certainty concerning the early history of this family. From the best lights before me, I give the following line of descent.

Aaron Way, Sr., son of Henry Way, who came over from England, married Joanna Sumner.

Children:—1. Aaron, Jr. 2. William. 3. Moses. 4. Joanna. 5. Mary.

Joanna married Job Chamberlin. William married Perces_____

Children of William Sr., and Perces Way:—William, Jr., Henry, and two daughters, Perces and Waitstill.

Perces married (1st) a Henschman, and (2d) a Sumner.

Waitstill married Thomas Osgood.

Children:—Thomas, Josiah, and probably a daughter, who married Samuel Way,

Thomas Osgood married_____

Children:—(Rev.) John, Susannah, who married Benjamin Baker, and probably Joana, who married John Lupton, and Sarah, who married William Baker, Sr., first deacon.

Rev. John Osgood married twice, and had two children,—Sarah, who married John Quarterman, Jr., and Mary, who married Joseph Way. His first wife was Hannah_____and his second was Mary Andrew, sister of Judge Benjamin Andrew.

The Andrew family was quite large, as follows: Benjamin, James, the father of John and grandfather of Bishop James Osgood Andrew, Joseph, and Lydia,

who married first, Saunders and second, John Winn, Sr., Hannah, who married first, George Godfrey and second, Rev. John Alexander, Elizabeth, second wife of Richard Baker, and Mary, (2d) wife of Rev. John Osgood.

Josiah Osgood I, brother of Thomas, married Mary (Bacon?).

Children:—1. Josiah. 2. Solomon. 3. Phoebe. 4. Deborah. 5. Mary 6. Elizabeth.

Josiah Osgood I, died in 1738.

Josiah Osgood II, son of Josiah and Mary, married Barbara (Hauskins?) nee Lupton.

Children:—1. Josiah. 2. John. 3. Thomas. 4. Sarah, who married Paul Fulton, August 9, 1767, the great grandfather of Rev. Dr. T. D. Witherspoon and Chancellor R. B. Fulton, of Mississippi. 5. Mary, who married James McCullough, February 20, 1775. 6. Elizabeth, married Jonathan Scarth, March 18, 1773.

Josiah Osgood, II, died June 16, 1772.

Josiah Osgood III, son of Josiah and Barbara, married Margaret Fulton in 1768.

Children:—Josiah, born January 12, 1773, and Margaret, born 1781.

Mrs. Margaret Osgood died January 31, 1800. Josiah Osgood III, died February 8, 1801.

Josiah Osgood, IV, son of Josiah and Margaret, married (1st) Mary Fleming, July 24, 1794.

Daughter, Mary Fleming, born September 24, 1795.

Mrs. Mary Osgood died 1795.

Josiah Osgood IV, married (2d) Ann Osgood, August 1, 1796. Two children, Mary and a son.

Josiah Osgood IV, died April 12, 1803. Mrs. Ann Osgood died 1806.

John Osgood, son of Josiah II, and Barbara, married (1st) Esther Scarth, 1773.

Children:—1. Ann. 2. John. 3. Mary. 4. Sarah. 5. Esther.

Mrs. Esther Osgood died 1786.

John Osgood married (2d) Rebecca Baker, June 7, 1798. Two children, Rebecca and William.

Mrs. Rebecca Osgood died November 18, 1797.

John Osgood, Sr., died March 21, 1807.

John Osgood, Jr., son of John and Esther, married Mary Winn February 9, 1802. John Osgood, Jr., died April 20, 1816.

Mrs. Mary Osgood married Jonathan Bacon January 8, 1818.

THE MCINTOSH FAMILY

This family was eminently a large and military one, many of them being intimately connected with the Midway people. I give a few of the more prominent members.

John McIntosh Mohr, (or Mhor, as the Highlanders write it, meaning great), was leader of the clan that came over with Oglethorpe from Scotland) in 1736. He was taken prisoner by the Spaniards in 1740, and sent to Spain where he remained two years in prison. His wife was Margery Fraser.

First Generation

Children of John Mohr and Margery McIntosh:—
1. William, married Mary McKay. 2. John. 3. Lachlan, the General. 4. George, married daughter of Patrick Houston. 5. Ann, married Robert Baillie, whose granddaughter was the wife of Judge Iverson L. Harris. 6. Barbara.

Second Generation

Children of William and Mary McIntosh:—1. Col. John McIntosh,* of Sunbury fame. 2. Lachlan, (Major). 3. Margery, married James Spalding. 4. Hester, married Alexander Baillie.

Third Generation

Col. John McIntosh married Sarah Swinton, of South Carolina, and had a son, Major William Jackson McIntosh, who married Maria Hillary, and who was the father of Dr. William H. McIntosh, Baptist minister. Col. John McIntosh also had a son, Col. James Simmons McIntosh, who fell mortally wounded in the Mexican war.

Major Lachlan McIntosh, son of Col. William and Mary, was the father of Commodore James McKay McIntosh, and also the father of Miss Maria McIntosh, the authoress, and also of Mrs. Ann Ward, the mother of Hon. John E. Ward.

Hester McIntosh, daughter of William and Mary, married Alexander Baillie. Their only daughter and child, Margery, married John Kell, Jr., son of John Kell, Sr., "planter," and was the mother of Captain John Kell, Adjutant General of the State of Georgia.

Fourth Generation

Col. James Simmons McIntosh, who fell in Mexico, had two sons, John Baillie McIntosh and

*After the close of the Revolutionary war, Col. McIntosh removed to Florida, and was arrested by the Spaniards upon suspicion and sent to Havanna, where he was confined as prisoner for one year in Moro Castle.

James McQueen McIntosh, the former a Federal and the latter a Confederate General. General John Baillie McIntosh lost a leg at the battle of Gettysburg, and General James McQueen McIntosh was killed at Pea Ridge, Arkansas. After his death, his brother sent for his widow and child and had them carried through the lines and kindly cared for them till the close of the war.

There are many other families of whom I would love to give sketches, but both want of time and lack of suitable material within reach would alike debar me from undertaking anything further in this line. Nor yet are the ones given as full as I would like to make them.

Some General Statements

Michael Bacon, of South Carolina, had a son, Thomas, doubtless the father of Samuel and Joseph, who were brothers, and from whom the Bacons descended. Rebecca Bacon, who married Thomas Quarterman, Sr., was the daughter of Joseph. Michael Bacon was brother-in-law, both to William Way, Jr., and Josiah Osgood I. It was Josiah Osgood II, who removed to Liberty county. Michael Bacon died in 1745.

Benjamin Baker, the son of Thomas, married (1st) Susannah Osgood, sister of Rev. John Osgood. Sarah, the first wife of William Baker, Sr., (first deacon) must also have been a sister of Rev. John Osgood, as he speaks in his will about "Sarah and Elizabeth," daughters of Benjamin Baker, as "his nieces," i. e., through his wife. So Joanna, wife of John Lupton, must have been another sister, as said Lupton leaves a large share of his estate to his "beloved Susanna, daughter of Benjamin Baker."

Samuel Way, early settler, married Rebecca Lupton. After his death she became the second wife of William Baker, Sr., (1st deacon).

Nathaniel Way married Sarah Dunham, who, after his death, married John Stacy, Sr.

Lydia Saunders was a widow, her maiden name being Andrew. She first married Saunders, and afterwards John Winn, Sr.

William Graves, Moses Way, Thomas Peacock, and John Quarterman, Jr., were unmarried at the time of their removal.

There were two Quartermans who died in Caro-

lina, Robert and Thomas, the latter having a son, William, and who, in all probability, were brothers of John Quarterman, Sr. Rebecca Quarterman, of whom William Baker, Sr., was guardian, and who afterwards married William Graves, was doubtless the daughter of one of these.

Having omitted to do so in the proper place, I would here make honorable mention of Major John Minton, who was the only man that went from Liberty county to aid Texas in her struggles with Mexico. People at the time said he "lacked sense," but behold Texas to-day with her three millions of inhabitants. This same old hero when seventy years old, fought all day in the Confederate ranks at the first battle of Manassas.

It is also worthy of special mention that the great state of New York has to day as its chief executive one of the regular descendants of the Midway people, in the person and character of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, who is the great-grandson of Gen. Daniel Stewart, the writer being also his great grand nephew.

General Daniel Stewart, the brother of Sarah, the writer's great-grandmother, married Susannah Oswald, (all members of Midway church). Martha Stewart, their daughter, married (1st) United States Senator John Elliott, and (2d) James S. Bullock. Martha Bullock, their daughter, married Theodore Roosevelt, and the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, their son, is now the Governor of New York.

With the bare mention of this remarkable fact as a befitting close to these sketches and this volume, the writer here bids his readers an affectionate adieu.

ADDENDA

by

Elizabeth Walker Quarterman

Acknowledgment is made to Mr. Albert L. Baker, of New York City, descendant of Reverend Daniel Baker, of Midway, noted evangelist, for his interest and cooperation in the publication of this book.

Dr. Stacy closes his history on a note of desolation and finality. Desolation did indeed fill the land, and the war had left scars which may never be entirely obliterated. The men who survived had returned to find the very foundations of their material lives swept away, and for many years the struggle was not to reestablish a past glory, but to sift the ashes, seeking to recover enough of the shards of civilization to attempt to reconstruct the mere decencies of life.

The history of the first twenty years of this struggle is given in a few brief paragraphs in the foregoing pages, showing it to be too painful for dwelling on. The fate of the Midway property hung in the balance. The portals which had been open to the flower of the land now admitted only the black faces which had formerly filled the large gallery, with others who gloated over the thought of displacing the whites.

But during these heartbreaking days of the reconstruction a spark burned unquenched in the souls of the descendants of the indomitable Puritans who, against other odds, had gained a foothold for them here; a spark fanned feebly by occasional meetings of the trustees as recorded by Dr. Stacy, brightening into flame at a meeting of the Society, or what remained of it, in 1877. At this time, the building was reclaimed from the negroes, and here was born the beginning of its recognition as a memorial shrine.

The meetings of the Society were then resumed with some degree of regularity, though only the brief records of Dr. Stacy's History survive to tell of the transactions. His account and the list of the selectmen, as found in the book of minutes 1887 to 1905, are the proof that such meetings were held. The Board of Selectmen numbered five, and were as follows:

1887

R. Q. Cassels, John B. Mallard, E. F. Miller,
James B. Fraser, John L. Harden.

1888-1889

W. J. Way, J. A. M. King, N. J. Norman, T. G.
Stacy, John L. Harden.

1890

W. J. Way, J. A. M. King, N. J. Norman, J. E.
Martin, John L. Harden.

1891

N. J. Norman, J. A. M. King, James B. Fraser, A.
S. Quarterman, John L. Harden.

1892-1894

N. J. Norman, James B. Fraser, A. S. Quarterman,
E. P. Miller, John L. Harden.

1895-1899

A. S. Quarterman, J. C. Norman, W. A. Bacon, J.
E. Martin, John L. Harden.

1900-1901

A. S. Quarterman, N. J. Norman, J. C. Norman,
W. P. Waite, John L. Harden.

1902-1903

E. P. Miller, N. J. Norman, A. S. Quarterman, J.
C. Norman, W. P. Waite.

1904-1907

A. S. Quarterman, W. W. Mallard, E. P. Miller,
A. F. Winn, N. J. Norman.

1908

E. P. Miller, W. W. Mallard, A. F. Winn, N. J. Norman
E. C. Miller.

1909

E. P. Miller, N. J. Norman, A. F. Winn, Raymond
Cay, E. C. Miller.

1910

E. P. Miller, A. F. Winn, N. J. Norman, P. F. Martin,
E. C. Miller.

1911-1920

N. J. Norman, A. F. Winn, P. F. Martin, E. C. Miller,
J. B. Way.

1921-1925

N. J. Norman, A. F. Winn, P. F. Martin, E. C. Miller,
J. B. Way, Society incorporated in 1921, and added
to the Board were A. Gordon Cassels, C. B. Jones,
H. C. Norman, Frank L. Stacy.

1926-1927

N. J. Norman, A. F. Winn, P. F. Martin, Abiel Var-
nedoe, L. H. Quarterman, A. Gordon Cassels, C. B.
Jones, H. C. Norman, Frank L. Stacy.

1929

N. J. Norman, P. F. Martin, Abiel Varnedoe, L. H.

Quarterman, A. Gordon Cassels, C. B. Jones, H. C. Norman, Frank L. Stacy, E. B. Way.
A. Gordon Cassels, P. F. Martin, L. H. Quarterman, C. B. Jones, H. C. Norman, Frank L. Stacy, Abiel Varnedoe, E. B. Way, Walter W. Sheppard.

1934

A. Gordon Cassels, C. B. Jones, Abiel Varnedoe, H. C. Norman, Joseph B. Fraser, W. W. Sheppard, F. L. Stacy, L. H. Quarterman, J. Wallace Daniel.

1935-1939

A. G. Cassels, C. B. Jones, F. L. Stacy, J. B. Fraser, H. C. Norman, J. W. Daniel, L. H. Quarterman, M. R. Baker, A. W. Varnedoe.

1940-1942

A. G. Cassels, C. B. Jones, F. L. Stacy, J. B. Fraser, H. C. Norman, J. W. Daniel, L. H. Quarterman, M. R. Baker, C. B. Mallard.

1943-1949

C. B. Jones, F. L. Stacy, J. B. Fraser, H. C. Norman, J. W. Daniel, L. H. Quarterman, M. R. Baker, C. B. Mallard, A. F. Winn.

II.

In 1905, a Book of Minutes of the meetings of the Society was begun, and minutes of all meetings since that time are now in existence. Mr. A. S. Quarterman, of Walthourville, was, at that time, Chairman of the Board, but was then in declining health.

The building had been deteriorating perceptibly for some years, and had finally reached such a stage as to be declared unsafe for meetings. The terms 'mouldering ruins' and 'tottering spire' could be applied to it in actuality, as they had been in prophecy. The walls of the church were spreading and a total collapse must ensue unless corrective measures were taken. A subscription committee was appointed with Mr. W. W. Mallard, Secretary of the Board, as Chairman. A letter was sent out to all the descendants of the colony whose addresses could be obtained, and a sum was raised which made possible the passing of heavy iron rods through the building with turnbuckles in the middle by means of which the walls were pulled together and made secure, as they stand today. Among the contributions for this purpose was a personal check from President Theodore Roosevelt, lineal descendant of General Daniel Stewart.

The table at the front of the pulpit in the Church is made from the remains of the antique organ which was thrown from the gallery by the Union soldiers. This work was contributed by Mr. Luther H. Quarterman.

At the meeting in 1905, a discussion took place concerning the preservation of such of the records of the Church and Society as had escaped destruction, and it was decided to place them in the custody of the Georgia Historical Society, in Savannah, 'under certain conditions', where they are still kept.

III.

The name of Mr. Newton J. Norman begins to appear more prominently in the records about this time. Mr. Norman was a descendant of William Norman, who settled at Midway about 1771. His fore-

bears include the names of Baker, Andrew, Stacy, Quarterman and Stewart. At the meeting in 1905, he was the moving spirit in the drafting of a resolution requesting Congress to make an appropriation for monuments over the graves of General Daniel Stewart and General James Screven in Midway Cemetery. Dr. Stacy's records show that in 1801, Congress had passed an appropriation for a monument to General Screven, the cost not to exceed \$500.00. Mr. Norman's resolution follows:

WHEREAS, There are buried in the old cemetery at Midway, Liberty County, Georgia, the remains of General James Screven and General Daniel Stewart, two distinguished officers of the American line in the first Army of the United States; and

WHEREAS, There is no stone to perpetuate the spot where rest the remains of General James Screven and the resting place of General Daniel Stewart is marked with but a simple stone, and

WHEREAS, it is patriotic and proper that the graves of the distinguished dead who fought and bled and died that the independence of the United States of America and the liberties of her people might be perpetuated and who rendered signal service in high military station, secured by dint of merit and courage, should be so fittingly marked as to in some degree represent the gratitude of a free and patriotic people, and stand as an example and a lesson to succeeding generations that they may know that valor is esteemed and self-sacrifice not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States did heretofore, to wit, on or about the 10th day of November A.D., 1801, appropriate \$500.00 for a monument to the said James Screven, and action was deferred thereon indefinitely, as shown by the

Journal of Congress by the following language, to wit:

Journal of Congress, United States,
Thursday, September 20, 1801

On motion of Mr. Walton, seconded by Mr. Telfair. RESOLVED:

That the Legislature of the State of Georgia be desired to erect a monument at Sunbury in the said state, at the expense of The United States, not to exceed \$500.00, to the memory of the late Brigadier General James Screven, who fell covered with wounds fighting for the liberties of the United States.

Journal of The House, Vol. IV
Same Chan. 1801

A message from the Senate by Mr. Otis, their secretary.

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has passed the bill entitled, 'An Act To Carry Into Effect the Several Resolutions of Congress For Erecting Monuments to the Memory of the Late General Wooster, Harkeman, Davidson and Screven', and sundry amendments to said bill, reported by a select committee, be discharged therefrom, and that the further consideration of said bill and its amendments be postponed until the first Monday in November next; and

WHEREAS, it is within the province of the Congress of The United States to appropriate a sum of money sufficient for the purpose hereinbefore stated, and it is not mete and proper that the graves of these valiant conservators of the liberties of the Republic

should go unmarked; there be it

RESOLVED, That this, The Midway Society, which is charged with the care and preservation of the old cemetery, and is morally obligated to perpetuate the spots made sacred and historic by the dust of these illustrious dead, call upon the senators and representatives of The State of Georgia in The Congress of The United States to present to that honorable body such measures as they, in their discretion, may deem proper, looking to an appropriation for the erection of monuments over the graves of General Daniel Stewart and General James Screven in old Midway Cemetery.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Secretary of the Board of Selectmen of this Society notify each and every member of the Georgia delegation in Congress of the action of this Society this day taken, by mailing him a copy of these resolutions, with the earnest request that they give the matter due and timely consideration.

Mr. Norman applied himself untiringly to this cause, and it is due to his efforts so ardently pressed more than to any other one factor that the handsome shaft now stands in the cemetery, although six years elapsed before any positive results were obtained. In the Minutes of March 1911 appears the following:

The Society having been notified of the act of Congress appropriating \$10,000 for a monument to Generals Daniel Stewart and James Screven, buried in Midway Cemetery, the following resolution offered by Mr. Theo Winn and passed by the meeting-
RESOLVED, That the meeting confer on the Board of Selectmen of Midway Church, the authority to act for the Society in appointing a committee with proper

authority to act in all matters pertaining to the Stewart and Screven monument, its design, location, etc.

This committee was duly appointed at the April meeting and was as follows: Hon. A. S. Bacon, Col. Neyle Colquitt, Col. A. Gordon Cassels, Judge J. Newton Norman, A. F. Winn, E. C. Miller, P. F. Martin, J. B. Way. A meeting was called for May 10th in Savannah, and at that time, the names of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of The United States, a great-grandson of General Stewart, as honorary chairman, and Captain Thomas Screven, nearest living relative of General Screven, were added to the committee.

The monument was designed by Mr. George Burnap, of Washington, D. C., landscape architect for the Commission on Fine Arts, which gave its approval to the design. It is constructed of Georgia granite, one of the finest pieces of work of the Mc-Neel Marble Company, of Marietta, Georgia.

After eight years of untiring effort on the part of the late Congressman Edwards, and the late Senator Bacon, in wholehearted cooperation with the Society's committee, the plans for the erection of the monument were under way in 1914.

Woodrow Wilson, being then President of the United States, and having blood ties with the colony through his uncle, Dr. James Woodrow, as well as having married the granddaughter of the Reverend I. S. K. Axson, for many years the beloved Pastor of Midway Church, was invited to attend the unveiling of the monument. However, 'on account of the Mexican situation', he was compelled to decline, promising to have a representative of the War Department present. Plans moved slowly, and a year

later, he was again invited to attend and again declined on account of pressing obligations in connection with the Panama Canal, and the San Francisco Exposition. It was first thought to hold this celebration on July 4, 1914, then in October of that year, but it was not till April of 1915, that the matter was culminated.

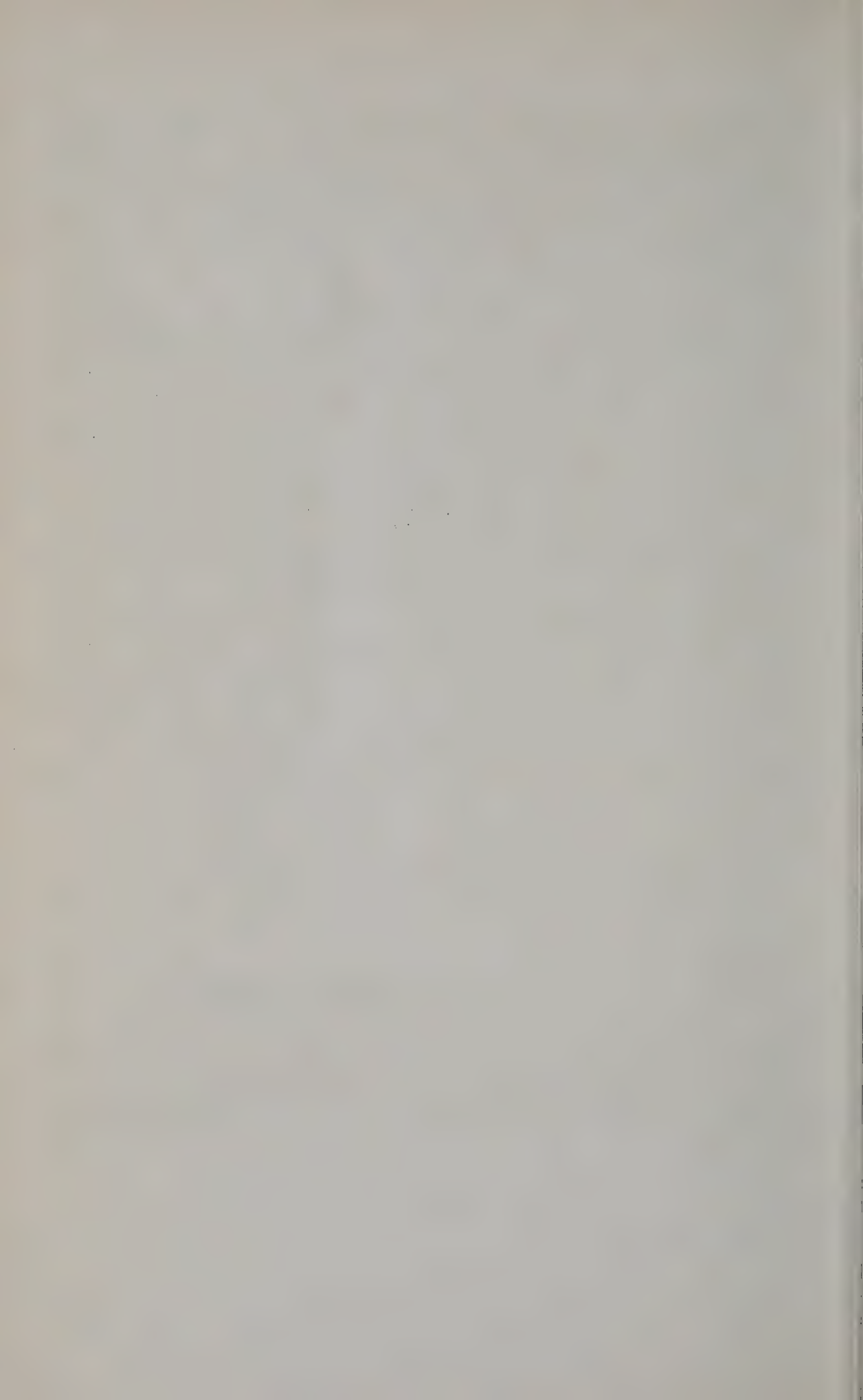
During this period of perfecting the plans for the unveiling of the monument, Mrs. Kate Anderson Wilson, President of the Georgia Society Colonial Dames of America had requested permission from the Board of Selectmen to repair the front wall of the Cemetery and place a commemorative tablet beside the gate. This was gladly granted, and when on April 26th, 1915, the time had finally arrived for the unveiling of the Stewart-Screven monument, the ceremonies began with the presentation of this tablet by Colonel Peter Meldrum, of Savannah, on behalf of the Colonial Dames. Colonel J. B. Way received the tablet for the Board of Selectmen, and The Midway Society.

There was an immense crowd present, handled in a masterly way by Colonel A. Gordon Cassels, Marshall of the Day, in charge of the Liberty Independent Troop. The Savannah Guards, Georgia Hussars, Chatham Artillery, and The United States Regulars 256, from Fort Screven, were also in attendance.

Named as sponsors for unveiling the monument were thirteen young women, lineal descendants of The Midway Colony. They were the Misses Iola Norman, Mary Miller, Harriet Gignilliatt, Gladys Cassels, Raymonde Harrison, Helen Quarterman, Eliza Stevens, VanEveren Green, Maria Way, Alice Young, Mary Fraser, Evelyn Girard and Josephine Law. Miss Helen Quarterman, great-great-great



Cemetery Gate at Midway



granddaughter of General Screven, and Miss Eliza Stevens, great-great granddaughter of General Stewart, drew the cord releasing the covering of the monument. The program was as follows:

Master of Ceremonies-----	Hon. N. J. Norman,
Invocation-----	Reverend E. W. Way, Jacksonville
Delivery of Monument----	Colonel W. C. Langfitt, U. S. A.
Presentation-----	Congress C. G. Edwards,
Acceptance-----	Hon. A. S. Way, Reidsville
Address-----	Hon. Samuel Graham, Assistant Attorney - General of the United States
Benediction-----	Reverend John Quarterman, Beach

Double salute fired by the Chatham Artillery.

And so the efforts of more than a century were at last rewarded. This handsome monolith occupies the center of the cemetery, bearing suitable inscriptions on three sides, and on the fourth, a bronze plaque depicting the Church itself, which will endure long after the frame structure of the edifice has fallen into decay.

IV.

It will be noted that the number composing the Board of Selectmen was changed in 1921, from five to nine. A special act of the General Assembly of The State of Georgia effected this and other changes. N. J. Norman was appointed by the Board to present this request to the legislature.

Extract from Acts and Resolutions of The

General Assembly of The

State of Georgia - 1921

Act No. 44

MIDWAY SOCIETY; SELECTMEN

An Act to define who are and who may become members and Selectmen of The Midway Society in Liberty County, prescribe the time and place of meeting of said Society; the time, place, manner of election and number of selectmen to be selected, and for other purposes:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of The State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this Act, the present Board of Selectmen of Midway Church and Society, in Liberty County, Georgia, consisting of nine members, namely, Newton J. Norman, Chairman; A. F. Winn, Vice-Chairman, and custodian of the Church property and cemetery; E. C. Miller, Secretary and Treasurer; P. F. Martin, J. B. Way, A. G. Cassels, C. B. Jones, Frank L. Stacy, and H. C. Norman, be, and they are

hereby declared to be, the lawful members of, and the duly constituted Board of Selectmen for said Midway Church and Society, with full and lawful authority to serve as such and shall continue to be until their successors are duly elected and installed under such regulations and rules as have been or may hereafter be established by the said Midway Society, at regular annual meetings held on the second Wednesdays in March, from year to year.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, that the Midway Society shall be composed of such white persons as have signed "The Articles" of the Society, and such other white persons as were worshippers and supporters of the Gospel at Midway Church during and prior to the War of 1861-1865, commonly known as the Civil War, or War Between the States, and the descendants of such persons; but the said Midway Society shall have the right to elect other white persons to membership of said Society by an affirmative vote of fifty, at a regular meeting of said Society annually, and not otherwise.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted that said Midway Society may, at its option, elect annually, at the annual meetings of said Society, on the second Wednesday in March, of each year, nine selectmen to serve for the ensuing year, as provided by this act, who shall also hold until their successors are regularly elected and installed, but if no such election is held, the old Board shall continue to serve; provided, however, that fifty affirmative votes shall be necessary at said election, and no persons shall be eligible to such election who has not signed "The

Articles" and otherwise qualified.

Should there be a vacancy or vacancies on said board, caused by death, resignation, or from other causes, the remaining members of said Board of Selectmen shall fill said vacancy or vacancies from members of The Midway Society who are eligible as prescribed by this act, but who shall not increase the number of selectmen to more than nine members.

SECTION 4. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Board of Selectmen of said Midway Society, shall have authority, and it shall be the duty of said Board, to preserve, protect and care for the property of said Midway Church, Midway Society, and Midway Cemetery, and manage same to the best interest and service of the Midway people. Said Board shall have full power to act in all matters not inconsistent with the avowed wishes of The Midway Society; provided, however, it shall not have the right to sell or dispose of any property now owned or which may hereafter be owned by said Midway Society, of Midway Church, without special permission from the said Midway Society and approved by a Court of Equity.

SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are, hereby repealed. Approved July 28, 1921.

V.

In 1917, a marker was erected at the avenue leading to the old home of Dr. Lyman Hall, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, known as Hall's Knoll, one mile north of the Church, by the Lachlan McIntosh Chapter, D.A.R., of Savannah. This was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies by members of the chapter, assisted by members of The Board of Selectmen. This marker was donated by the Roberts Marble Company, of Ballground, Georgia, many of the bricks used in the foundation being taken from the old Hall house. It was unveiled by the Misses Eugenia Granger and Mabel Habersham Colquitt. Colonel Peter Meldrim delivered the address.

VI.

In April of 1923, a bronze tablet was placed on the southwest corner of the Church by the Brunswick Chapter, D.A.R., bearing this inscription:

Midway
Congregational Church
Erected in 1792

Organized 1754 by descendants of an English Colony which came first to Massachusetts, 1630, to Connecticut 1635, to South Carolina 1695, to Midway 1752. Built on the same spot as the Church which was burned by the British in 1788. This Church has given to her country 86 ministers of the Gospel, and 7 foreign missionaries. Midway, in St. John's Parish, now Liberty County, was the cradle of Revolutionary Spirit in Georgia, and two of her sons were signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Placed by the Brunswick Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, and descendants of The Midway Colony.

1923

Congressman Charles G. Edwards made the presentation address. Mr. N. J. Norman accepted the tablet on behalf of the Midway Society. Four young children, descendants of the early settlers, unveiled the tablet. These were Edward Quarterman, of Savannah, Herbert Stacy, of Flemington, Corrie Way, of Brunswick and Minna Norman, of Walthourville.

VII.

The creation of the Coastal Highway leading directly by the Church was given as the reason for incorporating Midway into a town in 1925. Mr. N. J. Norman, of Savannah and Liberty County, was the moving spirit in this movement, introducing the bill in the legislature which provided for the incorporation of the town of Midway, and made provision for its management by a commission which should serve in the same capacity as mayor and alderman. The Board of Selectmen of Midway Church stood behind the movement. They and their forebears for generations had guarded the interests of the old Church and ancient cemetery. This was a comparatively easy task before the opening of the Coastal Highway, but has become increasingly difficult as the community has been brought into closer touch with the hurry and bustle of the nation.

In 1927, the highway was completed, and it was considered by the Board of Selectmen to be fitting that a celebration of the formal opening of the highway to traffic be held at Midway, this being a point equidistant from Savannah and Brunswick, the points linked by this stretch of paving. Mr. Harvey Granger, of Savannah, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Bridges of the Board of

County Commissioners, of Chatham County, was the pioneer for concrete paving in Chatham County.

It was due to his persistent efforts that this stretch of road, the old Stage Road, built by Oglethorpe with the aid of the Indians, was now a modern highway of concrete.

A motorcade was formed in Savannah, proceeding with flying banners, escorted by city and county police, and accompanied by the Central of Georgia Booster Band, conducting Mr. Granger to the recently incorporated town of Midway. Mr. Fred Warde, of Brunswick, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Frank C. Battey, of Savannah, introduced Mr. Granger to the immense crowd. Mr. N. J. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, President of Midway Society, and Mayor of the town of Midway, made an address of welcome.

A beautiful silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Granger by the City of Savannah, the City of Brunswick, and the Commissioners of Chatham County.

This section of highway has made it possible for many thousands of tourists from all over the nation, many of them with family ties in the colony, to visit this shrine.

VIII.

In 1929, the Society suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. N. J. Norman. The minutes record his presiding over the meeting of March 13th that year, and his death occurred between that time and the Memorial meeting in April. At the annual meeting in March of the previous year, Mr. Norman had requested that he be permitted to purchase a burial lot outside of the wall on the northeast corner bordering on the Coastal Highway. "As a mark of appreciation for his past services, the Society voted

to make him a deed of gift for said lot, and Mr. Norman was requested to draw the deed." And so, when death came after a brief illness, he was laid to rest there in the shadow of the shrine which had been for a quarter century so central in his heart and activities. The funeral was largely attended, for he was well beloved by the whole county, white and colored alike. The Selectmen served as honorary pallbearers. "Thus passed from view one of the conspicuous figures, not only of Savannah and Liberty County, but all this section. Judge Norman stood for and represented all of the time-honored traditions of patriotism for which this county has long been noted."

A suitable monument was later erected over his grave by The Midway Society, and the lot enclosed by an iron fence.

IX.

At a special meeting called in April of 1929, Colonel A. Gordon Cassels was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and President of The Midway Society.

Colonel Cassels was a direct descendant of Reverend Samuel J. Cassels, who was one of the ministers of the Gospel who went out from Midway holding pastorates at several places for seventeen years, until the failure of his health at the age of forty. At his request, he was buried in Midway Cemetery.

Colonel A. Gordon Cassels, having served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Society for a number of years was well fitted by this experience to succeed to a higher position which he filled faithfully till his own death in 1942. His zeal in the pro-

secution of his duties was scarcely second to that of his predecessor.

At the March meeting in 1929 Mr. Norman had introduced the plan for celebrating the arrival of the ship 'Mary and John' to these shores bringing the forefathers of the Midway colony. This was endorsed by the Midway Society at the Memorial Day meeting in April, and at his first official meeting, in March of the following year, Colonel Cassels took action in the matter. So efficiently were the plans formulated and carried out that in the incredible space of five weeks the stage was set for this celebration on the 26th of April. American and Confederate flags and bunting decorated the church and large platform which was erected for the occasion on the east side of the church, where were seated the speakers and honored guests including representatives of the Society of the Cincinnati, Sons of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Dames, Society of Colonial Wars, the three chapters D.A.R. of Savannah, U. D. C. Chapter Liberty County, Confederate Veterans Association, Brunswick Chapter D.A.R., Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the three surviving members of the Liberty Independent Troop, who had served in the Confederate Army, - Mr. Raymond Cay, Mr. John Stribling, and Mr. Harrison Clifton. The United States Marine Band, from Parris Island, Lieutenant Culpepper in charge, occupied a position under the trees near the platform and rendered selections at intervals during the exercises. Colonel Cassels presided, opening the meeting with the singing of 'America', an invocation by the Reverend E. C. Gillette, and the reading of communications of congratulations from nationally prominent men, including greetings from President Herbert Hoover.

Colonel P. W. Meldrim, of Savannah, introduced

the speaker of the day, Judge James K. Hines, of the Georgia Supreme Court, who made an address on, 'The Puritans in the History of Georgia.'

In the afternoon the Liberty County Chapter U. D. C. held memorial services in the cemetery for the confederate dead, as has been their annual custom for many years. Miss Laura Fraser, president of this chapter, presided at these exercises. Hon. Lee Branch, of Quitman, former president of the Georgia Bar Association, gave an address on, 'The results to the South of the War Between the States'.

This celebration, though lasting only one day was perhaps as spectacular and impressive as that recorded by Dr. Stacy of the three day observance of the centennial of the church.

X.

The affairs of the Society moved in orderly fashion for the ensuing seven or eight years; the most interesting discussions being along the line of having the Midway History by Dr. Stacy reproduced and brought up to date, for which purpose committee after committee was appointed and many avenues explored, but without concrete result. As to business affairs, the appropriation of certain property belonging to the Society lying across the Sunbury Road to commercial interests as a source of revenue for the maintenance of the church and cemetery was affected. On this property a \$5000.00 brick building was erected and leased to the Standard Oil Company.

XI.

In 1939, a movement was begun to place a tablet in Midway Church to the memory of Dr. James

Stacy, first historian of Midway. It was decided at a called meeting in December that not only this tablet, but also one to the memories of the pastors who had served the church, should be placed on the walls. The unveiling of these tablets was arranged for April 26th of 1940. The Reverend Carl I. Stacy, of Elberton, Georgia, a close relative of Dr. Stacy, presented the tablet, and Mr. Howard Stacy, of Savannah, accepted it for the Stacy Family. The Reverend E. W. Way, of Jacksonville, Florida, presented the tablet to the memory of the pastors, setting forth in stirring language the example of sterling worth and rugged Christian character which these men had set, and the duty of their descendants to live up to this example. Reverend Harry Fraser, of Palatka, Florida, also a son of the church, accepted the tablet, and made pledge for the present generation that they would endeavor to carry on in a worthy manner.

XII.

In 1905, the first suggestions appear in the minutes regarding the forming of chapters of the descendants of the church and society in communities where a sufficient number could be assembled. Discussion of this project has continued from that day till the present, but without fulfillment.

XIII.

In 1911, it was decided to hold religious services with observance of the communion on the second Sundays of May and October every year, the churches at Walthourville, Flemington and Dorchester, foregoing their usual services in order to hold this reunion at the mother church. This program was followed for some years, and later changed to the holding of services quarterly on Sunday afternoons

without the administration of communion. This plan was allowed to lapse gradually until the second World War restrictions of gasoline caused its cessation. Now, only two stated meetings are held yearly, the annual meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Midway Society on the second Wednesday in March, and the Memorial Day meeting in April.

XIV.

In 1940, a chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists was organized in Liberty County, naming itself the St. John's Parish Chapter. With that name, it is readily understood that the members would have Midway as the interest dearest to their hearts. At their instigation, another organization has been perfected, known as the Midway Museum Incorporated, composed mostly of members of the D.A.C. and U.D.C. chapters of the county. This organization has purchased a tract of seven acres just north of the church on the highway, and has as its objective the building of a handsome fireproof museum to house the records and relics of the colony. Plans are under way to beautify these grounds, maintaining the natural characteristics as far as possible and planting extensively the old fashioned shrubs and flowers so loved by the colonists.

These organizations are also cooperating with the Board of Selectmen in planning a worthy celebration of the two-hundreth anniversary of the arrival of the first settlers.

XV.

During the period taken up with the construction of the Stewart-Screven monument and the plans for its presentation to the Midway Society, the disaster of war in Europe fell on the United

States, as on other nations of the world. While this war is not primarily a part of the history of Midway Church, it is certainly fitting to note how the men and women of Liberty County, many of them descendants of the Midway Colony, responded to the call of the president, and with unflinching courage such as lived in their forbears, crossed dangerous seas to take part in what was then thought to be a 'war to end wars'.

The Liberty Independent Troop which had become the one military organization of the County, had been summoned in 1916 to camp under the leadership of Donald F. Martin, then Captain of the troop, to proceed to the Mexican Border, to quiet the disturbance there. Upon arrival at camp, Mr. Martin was relieved from duty because of physical disability and Mr. Donald Fraser succeeded to the captaincy, commanding the troop through the Mexican campaign.

Upon their return from the border, they were immediately involved in the war with Germany, being converted at that time to Company B, 106 Field Signal Battalion. Mr. Charles Martin, Mr. Floyd Miller, Mr. Harry Fraser and Mr. Joseph B. Fraser were lieutenants.

When they came back from overseas, the Liberty Independent Troop was reorganized as cavalry, and resumed their peace time colorful tournaments and parades. Captain Joseph B. Fraser gained rapid promotion, acquiring the rank of colonel, which position he held when the states became involved in the Second World War. The troop then became part of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery. Col. Fraser, in charge of Battery B, 101st, was sent to the Pacific arena, and was the first to arrive in New Guinea, taking his men through that bitter campaign without loss of a single man. Since the end of the war, he

has been made Brigadier-General, and now bears that rank. He is prominent in civic affairs and nationally known as a leader in religious matters. Mr. Powell Fraser, as a Lieutenant, participated in the New Guinea campaign, and is now military instructor at Presbyterian College, in Clinton, South Carolina. Others of the Fraser family who carried rank were Captain Wallace Fraser, of Texas, Lieutenant Harry Fraser, Jr., of South Carolina, Major Donald Martin, Jr., O. C. Martin, Lieutenant Colonel, were outstanding officers of Midway descent. The family of Dr. J. Wallace Daniel, of Claxton, himself a prominent physician and State Senator from Georgia, gave four sons to the Armed Service - two in the Army and two in the Navy. The oldest son has followed in his father's footsteps and is now an outstanding physician in Statesboro. Mrs. W. S. Porter, of Clinton, South Carolina, a granddaughter of Reverend Robert Quarterman, gave three sons to the first World War, and four to the second, these last all gaining the rank of captain.

If this is the record of only two or three families, think what must have been the numerical influence in all branches of the service when one considers that hundreds of families have their roots in old Midway. And can there be any doubt that a cultural and spiritual influence must have made itself felt wherever these scions of the Puritan settlers were associated with others, whether in camp, on the battlefield, in the air, on or under the seas?

XVI.

Dr. Stacy, in the foregoing pages, gives a long list of ministers of the Gospel and prominent men who went out from Midway, and remarks, 'And now we pause here to express our own astonishment, as well as what must be that of others, at the long

list of ministers and able men that have gone out from the old church. Was the like ever known? Where else upon the face of the habitable globe did so small a fountain ever send out so many and large streams?' Could he have looked down the years to the present, and could it be possible to trace the many large streams that have made their way through our own nation and are now represented in every nation 'upon the face of the habitable globe', his astonishment must have passed all bounds. To attempt any complete list would be beyond human endeavor. I offer these few names as being well known in the section adjacent to the old church, with apologies to the many not mentioned.

The names of only a few ministers of the Gospel are available: The Right Reverend Charles Colcock Jones Carpenter, Bishop of Alabama; Reverend Charles J. Woodbridge, Ph. D., Pastor of The Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia; Reverend Arthur M. Martin, Pastor at Winnsboro, South Carolina; Reverend Charles Spencer, Pastor at Lockhart, South Carolina, whose father, Reverend A. E. Spencer, now deceased, was also a minister; Reverend William Porter at Wauchula, Florida; Reverend Harry Fraser at Greenwood, South Carolina; Reverend Layton Fraser, Professor of Bible at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina; Reverend Ernest Quarterman at Quincy, Florida; Reverend Albert Winn at Nokesville, Virginia; Reverend John B. Walthour, Dean of The Cathedral in Atlanta, Georgia, formerly Chaplain at West Point, for whose family Walthourville was named.

The list of ministers' wives includes Miss Mary Martin, who married Reverend Martel Tremain and served with him in Japan as missionary for a number of years. The Tremains are now in Mexico

as missionaries. Miss Flora Martin married Reverend James F. Menius, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; Miss Minna Norman married Reverend Llewellyn Colquitt, of Cartersville, Georgia; Miss Effie Walker, whose mother was a Quarterman, married Reverend W. S. Porter, of Appalachicola, Florida, and their daughter, Mary Porter, married Reverend John Morrison, of Glasgow, Scotland. The Morrisons have been missionaries in Africa for more than thirty years, Miss Grace Walker, a great-granddaughter of the Reverend I. S. K. Axson, married Reverend Albert Winn, a great-great-grandson of the Reverend Robert Quarterman.

Miss Gussie Fraser has been a missionary in China for many years, and Miss Julia Walker has served a long time as a home missionary in the mountains of North Carolina.

Hon. Horace Folsom, prominent editor of Mt. Vernon, Georgia, is a descendant of this colony, as are Hon. Shelby Myrick, lawyer of Savannah; Dr. Roland Daniel, educator of Columbus, Georgia; Hon. Richard Russel, U.S. Senator; Bird Daniel, physician of Statesboro; Wilson Spencer Way, physician of Orlando, Florida; Dr. J. Wallace Daniel, physician of Claxton, and State Senator from Georgia; Hon. Charles B. Jones, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County; G. Rodman Porter, educator of Lyons, Georgia; Judge James K. Hines, long prominent in public affairs.

The list goes on and on and on, with endless ramifications.

XVII.

And so the torch has been handed down from one generation to the next, and though its light has

sometimes flickered and grown dim, it surely never can go out. Our Puritan ancestors builded the fabric of their lives on belief in and reverence for God; a foundation of rock that cannot be moved and this foundation will continue to stand as long as each successive generation studies to emulate the virtues of those whose records are to be found in this history of 'the days long vanished.'

OLD MIDWAY

I

Is this a hallowed spot and is this holy ground----
Here in the placid place unchanged through passing
years?

Here stories, mem'ries, records of a nation's birth
and growth abound;

From this spot rode forth fathers of the new republic
which could feel no fears,

So firm their faith in Liberty and Right

That they could set their names unto the charter
white

Unmoved that it might be, if their adventure failed,
Their own death warrant. Then no wonder that such
loyalty availed.

To stablish in eternal principles the sure
Foundations which have made America secure.

II

Is this a hallowed spot and is this sacred ground?
Here lie the rugged leaders of that sturdy patriot
band

Who made supreme their sacrifice to found
A real republic, seal and future of their land

In their own blood---ensamples of courageous types
of heroes brave

Who reckoned coolly what the cost would be and then
that off'ring gave.

III

Is this a hallowed spot and is this sacred, holy
ground?

From those who dreamed and worshipped here went
forth the long

OLD MIDWAY

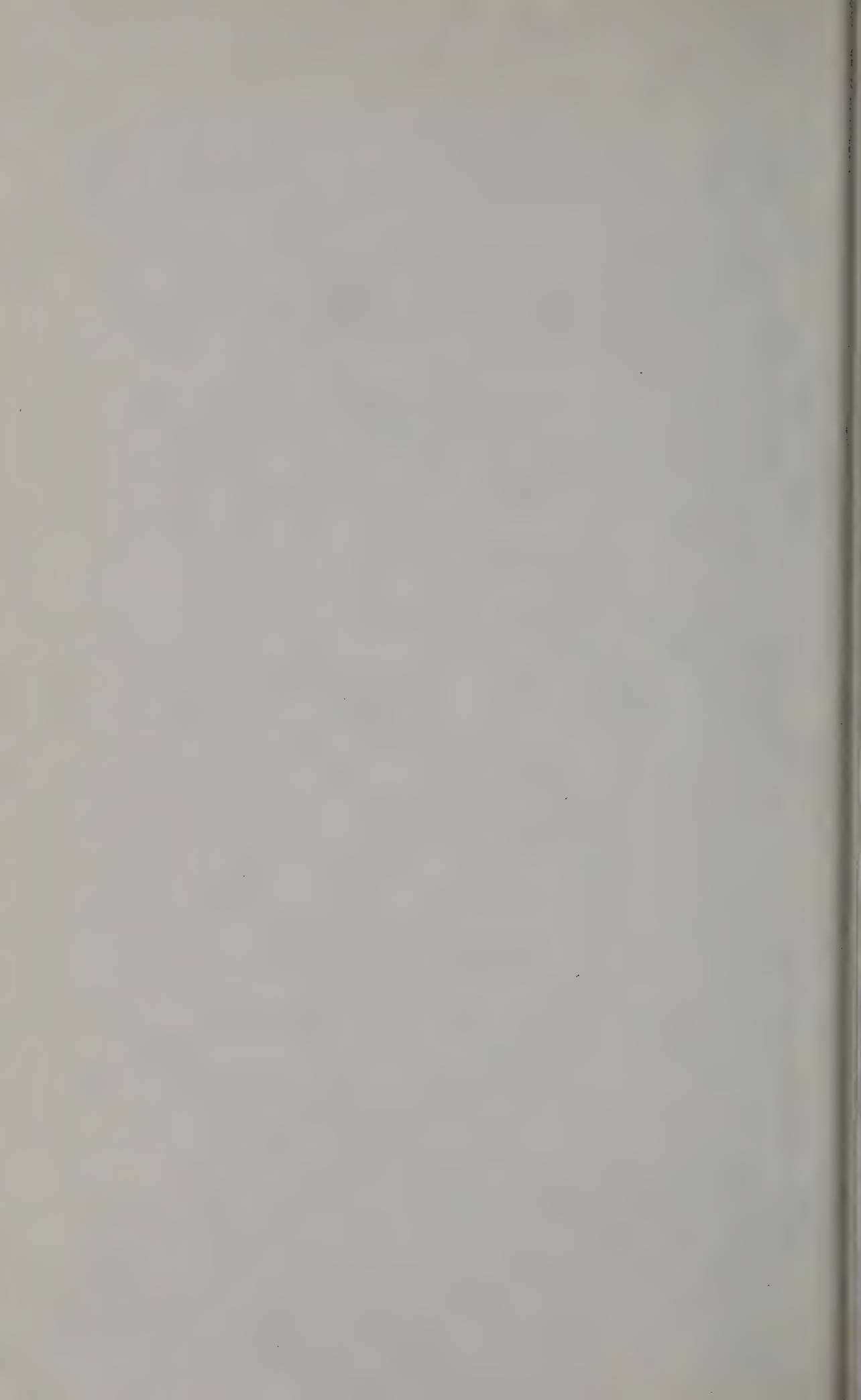
Fine company of leaders---in no list of honor may
be found

More named illustrious of the great and strong---
Leaders in worthy progress on a hundred paths of
power,

Who visioned and achieved, interpreted the signs,
Communed with God, then seized propitious hour
To be His messengers and tell His message. Holy
ground, forsooth?

'Tis here a shrine of purest consecrated patriotic
Truth.

D. G. B.



THE
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VOL. I.

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TO THE
DESCENDANTS AND FRIENDS
OF THE
MIDWAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
LIBERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA,
THIS PUBLICATION,
A BEFITTING MEMORIAL OF DEPARTED WORTH,
IS
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
BY ONE OF HER SONS,
REV. JAMES STACY, D. D.,
PASTOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEWNAN, GEORGIA.

Go call thy sons: instruct them what a debt
They owe their ancestors; and make them swear
To pay it, by transmitting down entire,
Those sacred rites, to which themselves were born.
—Akenside.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The object of the following publication is to preserve the earlier records of the Midway Congregational Church and Society. These records are preserved in eleven volumes, the first two containing the earlier transactions of both Church and Society, together with some "Special and General Transactions," and registry of marriages, births &c., the second of these being largely a copy of the first, with additional items. Then there are two volumes containing the transactions of the Society at their annual meetings, and two, the further proceedings of the Church, purely in their sessional capacity. In additions to these, there are two other volumes of a more recent date, intended to be for the registry of marriages, births, &c., but in which very little has yet been recorded; also, a Book of Rights for the choice of seats, and two volumes pertaining to the finances of the Church. The following publication contains the first volume of the transactions of the Society entire, with articles of incorporation and subscribers' names. Also, the "Special and General Occurrences" and the most important acts of the Church, gleaned from its Sessional Records, up to 1828, with the marriages, births, baptisms and deaths, and the list of pastors, deacons, and white members, till the close of the Church in 1867. It is a matter of great regret that, for lack of funds, only about one-

half of the more valuable portions of these interesting records have thus been published. The remaining volume of the transactions of the Society and the more important acts of the Church Session ought, by all means, likewise to be published, as soon as possible.

I desire only to add, that the work has been done under my immediate supervision, and no pains spared to have it as free from error as possible. Although requiring considerable labor, as so much of the manuscript has to be copied for the press, the service has been cheerfully rendered; and if the publication shall receive the approval of those for whom intended, and be the means of furnishing material for the future historian, I shall feel amply compensated.

Respectfully,
JAMES STACY.

Newman, Ga., November 15, 1894.



MIDWAY CHURCH.

Erected in 1792.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

At a Meeting of the Society of Midway, and Newport, under the Pastoral Care of the Revd. Mr. John Osgood, held on the 28th Day of August, 1754, at the Log Meeting House, on Midway Neck.

The following Querries were proposed to the Suffrage on the conven'd Members:

1st. Whether We shall now fix the spot for a Meeting House? which was carried in the Affirmative.

2ly. Whether such Persons as had fix'd upon their Lands, but were themselves absent, and have begun no Settlements here, shall be allow'd Votes? which was carried in the Negative.

3ly. Whether the Virtue of a Vote shall be allow'd to each of such Persons as have begun Settlements among us, but are themselves absent? In answer to which, it was voted that a Priviledge should be allowed to each of them, proportion'd to the probability apparent to us, of their coming to live among us.

4ly. What Virtue of Votes shall be allow'd to each of the last mentioned Persons? which was

determined as follows: To Messrs. Joseph Bacon, 1 whole Vote; Jonathan Bacon, $1/2$; Richard Woodcraft, $1/4$; Isaac Bradwell, $1/2$; Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman, $1/2$.

5ly. Whether Minors shall have a Vote? carried, that such as are present shall have $1/2$ Vote.

6ly. Where the Place of the Meeting House shall be? Voted, on Midway Neck, near the place where that now us'd for that Purpose stands.

Entered by Order of the Society:

B. B., C.

At a Meeting on the fifth Day of March, Anno-domino, 1755, Determined that Benjamin Baker be continued Clerk for the ensuing year.

That Messrs. John Stevins, John Elliott, William Baker, and Parmenas Way be continued Select Men for the ensuing year. That the Select Men imploy and agree with Mr. James Maxwell to saw the Timber for the Meeting House.

That the Revd. Mr. John Osgood, Messrs. Samuel Burnley, Richd. Baker, Edward Sumner, and Benjamin Baker, with the Select Men, Determine the Size and Shape of the Meeting House, and Form and Number of the Pews, and Spot on which the House shall stand.

A Subscription for the Minister's Salary

was made.

Entered by Order of the Society: B. B., C.

The Committee met, and the said Affairs were by them referred.

At a Meeting of the Society on January 12th, 1756, the following things were proposed:

1st. Whether the Place or Spot for the Meeting House is already invariably fix'd or not? Answered, Not.

2dly. Whether the Hill at the cross Paths, on the north side of the North Branch of Newport Swamp shall be the Place of the Meeting House? Carry'd that it shall, by Twenty against Nine.

3dly. Who shall be appointed to see the Land survey'd and the Titles executed for the Land granted for the Meeting House? Answer'd, Mr. William Baker and Benjamin Baker, U.

4ly. To whom shall the Titles be made? Answer'd, To all that have sign'd our Articles and Their Heirs, including the Graves's and the Stewarts who are expected soon among us. U.

5ly. What shall be the Bigness of the House, Answer'd Forty four feet by Thirty six, from out to out. U.

6ly. What the Height of the Stories? Answer'd, Eighteen feet.

7ly. What the form of the Roof? Answer'd a pitch Roof hip'd at one end and a small Steeple at the other.

8thly. Whether everything else respecting the meeting house shall be left to the Discretion and management of Select Men? viz: The Form, Shape, and contrivance, or Workmanship of the House, Carried in the affirmative, N. C. the Pews only excepted.

9thly. On which side of the Road shall the meeting House be sett? Answer'd, on the West. U.

10thly. Whether a Vestry House shall first be built? Answer'd, yes.

11thly. What shall be its Dimensions? Answered, Sixteen feet by twelve. Enter'd by Order:
B. B., C.

March 3d, 1756. I. Twas agreed that in all our Meetings for secular Business We will choose a Chairman to propose and carry on Business.

II. Mr John Elliott, Esq., was chosen for this Day.

III. Twas proposed what number of select Men should be chosen for the ensuing Year; Five were agreed on.

IV. Mr. John Stevins and John Elliott, Esq'r., and Mess'rs. Parmenas Way, William

Baker and John Winn, were chosen by Ballot for the ensuing Year.

V. John Stevens, Esq'r., declining to serve on account of Irregularity in his Apprehension, in the Proceedings of the Society, Mr. Richard Baker was chosen.

VI. Twas agreed that Benjamin Baker be continued Clerk for the ensuing Year.

VII. Agreed that every Member pay to the Clerk 2d. 10 1/4 for the ensuing Year.

VIII. A Subscription was made for raising the Rev'd Mr. John Osgood's Salary. Entered by Order: B. B., C.

August 24th, 1756: The Meeting House being Framed by the Workman to have the Steeple to the West, which he accounted customary, and the Society not approving its being directly from the Road, it was debated whether it should be turn'd South, which bringing the Pulpit to the West was thought to Illconvenient for the Preacher in the heat of Summer, on these accounts twas put to Vote.

I. Which way the Pulpit should be situate? Answer'd, North.

II. This situation of the Pulpit keeping the Steeple still West, twas put to Vote whether the former Determination of the situation of the House on the West side of the Road should be revers'd and that it be sett on the East? Carried in the af-

firmative.

III. Twas agreed that the Select Men make the necessary Provision of Victuals and Drink for the Raising at the Expense of the Society.

Entered by Order:

B. B., C.

March 2d, 1757, John Elliott, Esq'r., and Mess'rs. William Baker, Parmenas Way, John Winn, and Richard Baker be continued Select Men for this Year.

II. That Benjamin Baker be continued Clerk.

III. An assessment was made of certain Persons agreeable to our fifth Article.

IV. A Subscription was made for raising the Rev'd Mr. John Osgood's Salary. Enter'd by Order:

B. B., C.

March 1st, 1758, John Elliott, Esq'r., Chairman.

I. Twas voted that the Select Men for the last Year be still continued, but Mr. Richard Baker declining to serve longer, Mr. Samuel Burnley was chosen to supply his place.

II. Twas agreed that Benjamin Baker be continued Clerk and that three Shillings, Ster'g., shall be allowed him by every Member of the Society for the ensuing Year.

III. Twas determined that the Select Men should employ some person to take care of the Meeting and Vestry Houses, to shut, open and keep them clean, &c., and that two Pounds Seventeen Shilling one penny three farthings, Ster'g., shall be allow'd to said person for so doing, of which sum every Member of his Society shall pay a part proportioned to his Subscription to the Rev'd. Mr. Osgood.

March 7th, 1759: "Twas voted that the Select Men for the last Year be continued for the ensuing. A Subscription was made for the Sallary, and some persons were rated.

12th March, 1760. John Elliott, Esq'r.,
Chairman:

Voted that John Elliott, Esq'r., Messrs. Parmenas Way, John Winn, William Baker, Samuel Burnley be continued Select Men. Mr. Burnley declining, Mr. John Stewart, Sen'r., was elected in his stead.

Benjamin Baker continued Clerk.

A Sallary Subscription was made and several persons rated.

4th March, 1761, John Elliott, Esq'r.,
Chairman:

It was Voted that the Select Men and the Clerk for the last Year be continued for this.

That the Sallary for the Ministers shall be this Year raised by an assessment of Pews.

That said Sallary shall be fixed at a certain Sum.

That the said Sum shall be Eighty Pounds Sterling, per Annum.

That the Select Men shall Assess or rate the Pews in order to raise said sum and Sallary of Eighty Pounds per Annum. That the Select Men for the Time being, shall let the Pews annually at the Rates this Day set on them untill the Society shall determine (in a manner agreeable to our Articles) to the contrary.

That the choice of Pews shall be regulated by our Subscriptions towards the Support of the Gospel among us, that is to say, that such as have subscribed most shall have the first Choices, and so on. That such Persons as first take Pews, shall, themselves and their successors have the Preference for the Pews taken up by them as long as they continue to pay the Rates of and Assessments on said Pews annually.

Agreeable to the foregoing Resolutions, the Pews were assess'd in the following manner, being first numbered:

Numbers 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16 at 5 pounds each, amounts to L30.

2, 6, 9, 12 at 4 Pounds ten Shillings each am'ts to L18.

Numbers 1, 8, 7, 13, 17, 20, 19, 14 at 3 Pounds each Amounts to L24.

Numbers 18, 21 at 2 Pounds each Am'ts to L4.

Numbers 23, 24 at one pound ten Shillings each, Am'ts to L3.

Numbers 22, 25 at one pound each, Am'ts to L2.

The whole Am't is L81.

The foregoing are the Pews below. In the Galleries:

Two whole Pews at three pounds each L6.

Ten Half do. at one Pound ten Shillings each, L15.

L102.

3rd March 1762, John Elliott, Esq'r.,
Chairman:

The Select Men for the last Year continued.

The Clerk also.

Two Pews being added to the half Pews below, the two next the Door on each side were Rated at L 1 . 5 each, and the Corners at L0 . 15, each half Pews below.

22, 23 at L0 . 15 each.

24, 25, 26, at L 1.5.

27 at 15 Shillings.

2d March, 1763.

It was voted that the Select Men and Clerk for the last Year be continued.

On Monday the Nineteenth of December, Domini 1763, Some of the Inhabitants of Sunbury with many of the Country Members of this Church met by appointment at our Meeting House in the Country, in order to make out a Call to the Rev'd Mr. John Alexander to reside and preach among us. And it was agreed that he should be called as Assistant to the Rev'd Mr. John Osgood, our present Pastor, that in case of Mr. Osgood's being rendered at any time incapable of Preaching by sickness, or otherwise, or in case of his being taken from us, that the Rev'd Mr. Alexander shall preach a part of his time at this place in the Country, and that his Preaching in Town and Country shall be proportioned to the Sallary paid him from the Members and Inhabitants of each place.

The Call was made out, concluded on Unanimously, nemo contradicente, and Signed.

7th March, 1764.

Voted that the Select Men for the last Year be still continued.

28th March, 1764. Pews above stairs were then numbered anew, as follows:

N. W. corner pew, 1 Rate L 2 . 10.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, L1.10.

12 L2.10.

It was then determined that the Resolutions of the 4th of March, Anno 1761, shall be amended and alter'd as follows: That such as have contributed most to the Building of the Meeting House shall be first accommodated with Pews or Seats: Those that have paid most first, and so on, in Order to such as have paid least, and that such as are equal in the Respect shall determine the Priority of Choice by Lot.

That such as give their Obligations for whole Pews have a right to dispose of any part of it to whom they please: That where an Obligation is given for part of a Pew, The Select Men shall dispose of other part, agreeable to the Rule above mentioned, to such as attend in Person or at least by Proxy at our Annual Meeting, on which Day the Pews and Seats are always to be Lett, and such as are not taken up on that Day, or those Days, on any Day after at the Direction of the Select Men.

That the Select Men shall meet again on the Day fortnight after our Annual Meeting, first causing their said Meeting to be publicly Notified the Preceding Sabbath immediately after Divine Service in order to collect Remainders of Rents on Pews, and to Lett such as shall be at that time vacant, and it is resolved that all Pews and Seats shall be so accounted, for which Obligations were not given on the preceding Annual Meeting, nor after it, before one of the Clock in the Afternoon of this last mem-

tioned Meeting.

That the Select Men shall cause a List of all vacant Pews or Seats to be set up at or in the Meeting House at every of our Annual Meetings, and these Articles to be read over at the opening of Business.

It was then Ordered that the vacant Pews be advertized.

March 6th, 1765, Mr. Parmenas Way, Chairman:

Then voted that the Select Men for the last Year be continued for the ensuing.

Benjamin Baker continued Clerk.

It was then Determined that the Select Men endeavour to compleat the Meeting House.

The Pew Rent below Stairs is . . L82.10.

In the Gallery L20.

Total Am't. of Pew Rents is L102.10.

At an Annual Meeting of the Church, March 13th, 1766, Voted as follows:

Viz: Parmenas Way, Chairman, Mess'rs. John Winn, the said Parmenas Way and William Baker, Sen., to be continued Select Men for the ensuing year. and Thomas Quarterman and John Martin Elected instead of John Elliott, Esq'r., and John Stewart, Deceased. And Mr. Benjamin Baker

declining as Clerk, James Andrew elected in his stead.

They proceeded to Lett the Pews as by the last Resolutions of the Church were Directed, and for conveniency 'twas thought best to take separate votes for pew Rent, as it appeared there was several inconveniences attending the method the Pews have been hitherto Lett, as well as a Dissatisfaction among the Members. The Select Men proposed to the Church to consider on some method more satisfactory against the next Annual Meeting.

At an Occasional Meeting of the Church this 24th of November, 1766, The several Questions following were proposed by the Select Men for a Regulation of the Secular Matters of the Church, The Rev'd John Osgood, Moderator.

Ist. Whether any Member in Arrears to the Church otherways entitled by the Articles to a Vote should this Day have a vote. Carried in the Affirmative.

IIly. As there were several that Objected against the Sixth Article of the Church, proposed whether it should be expunged or not. Carried in the Affirmative.

IIIly. Whether there required a regulation in the Secular Matters by Additional Rules or not. Carried in the Affirmative.

IVly. Whether the Meeting House should not be finished and a Subscription required for the same

Carried in the Affirmative.

Vly. Whether the Money must be raised by the Subscribers, or should Others be encouraged to Assist them by Subscribing and thereby be prefer'd also to a choice of seats. Granted that the Assistance of others were required and they should be admitted to subscribe and be preferred to a choice of Seats According to their Subscriptions, Provided they were such as the Church Approve of.

The same Day the Church thought proper to Alter the method of Renting the Pews and came to the following Resolutions Respecting the same:

1st. Resolv'd that the Pews shall be Rental Annually Agreeable to the Contributions towards Building the Meeting House, (that is to say), such Members as have paid most, shall have the first Choice of Seats sufficient to accommodate them and their families, and so on in course to the lowest that have paid up their Arrears of Pew Rent.

2ly. That no person shall be allow'd on their Right more room than their families requir-eth in any Pew, and the Remainder must be disposed of to the next higher Contributor, applying for it in Course.

3ly. Resolved that the eldest son shall Enjoy his Right of his deceased Father, (in case he Direct not otherways in his last Will), provided he shall Accommodate the Widdow during her Widdowhood, she paying him her proportion Annually for her Seat.

4ly. That no Person leaving the Society shall Transfer his Right to another, Except to such the Church shall Approve of.

5ly. Resolved that such Persons in Arrears for Pew Rent, that do not pay the same before the Annual Meeting, shall that Day of Renting the pews, have no Choice on their Right.

6ly. Ordered that the Select Men should Meet at the Vestry House some Day in the last of February, Annually, in Order to Receive the Arrears, due from the Church, and to make out a List of such Subscribers to be preferred to a Choice at the Annual Meeting.

7ly. Resolved that every such Subscriber intitled to a Choice, that do not attend at such Meeting in person or by Proxy to choose and give his Note for the Pew Rent, shall have no regard paid to his Right that Year.

Entered by Order of the Church.

JAMES ANDREW,
Clerk.

March 4th, 1767. At the Annual Meeting of the Church, Mess'rs Wm. Baker, Sen., John Winn, John Martin and Thomas Quarterman declined as Trustees, and only Parmenas Way, (this day appointed Chairman), Consenting to serve another Year, who was again elected, and John Quarterman, Benjamin Andrew, Sam'l Jones and John Stevins, instead of those declining, for the Year ensuing, and James Andrew Voted Clerk.

Voted that the Select Men for the ensuing Year shall pay the said Clerk for his Service out of the Rents of the Pews, Six Pounds Sterling.

Voted that Mr. Parmenas Way as Clerk in Raising the Tune in time of Divine Service shall be allow'd for such Service, the ensuing Year, four Seats in such Pews as he shall choose on his Right.

Determined that no person on his Right shall Occupy a whole Pew except his Family consists of Six Persons, Beside Children in the Lap, and half Pews are allow'd to contain half that number: and what may properly be Counted a person's family beside themselves, Wives and Children if any Living with them whom they maintain as Orphans, or, others taken upon Charity or Destitute Relations residing with them.

Resolved that the Resolution of the 24th of November, 1766, wherein the Eldest Son was to enjoy the Right of his Deceased Father shall be again put to Vote, on or before the next Annual Meeting.

At a Meeting 25th of February, Parmenas Way, Esq., Chairman, Mess'rs. Andrew Darling, Esq., and Thomas Hughes for Sunbury, appointed to Collect Mr. Edmonds' Sallary, and John Stevins for Midway, When the following Questions were proposed.

Viz: As the Rev'd Mr. Edmonds had been unfortunate in coming to Georgia, Whether they that had Subscribed towards his Sallary should pay him for the Time he had been here or not. Unani-

mously Agreed to Pay.

2ly. Whether as 'twas more convenient to have his Sallary also, or such a part as our Church allows to him Annually to become due at the same time as Mr. Osgood's, should we or not contrive it to be so? Agreed it should be done.

3ly. What was the Sentiment of the Church respecting the Am't of his Sallary another year? not determined.

4ly. What part should the People of Midway pay him Annually while matters are thus circumstanced? Agreed what could be raised by Subscription, more or less.

5ly. Whether Mr. Clark's Legacy should be applied towards finishing the house, or be kept as a Fund. Agreed it shall be reserved for the beginning of a Fund.

Same day Order'd that the Select Men shall agree with some person to Ring the Bell, and some person to Sweep, Scour and keep clean the Meeting and Vestry Houses as cheap as they can, and pay it out of the Pew Rent - Thirty-five Shillings. Voted that shall be allow'd for that purpose, but if no person will undertake it for that, to be left to the discretion of Select Men as above mentioned.

Other matters to be considered of, postponed till the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting of March 2d, 1768,

Mr. Benjamin Baker, Chairman, was elected for the ensuing Year, the same Trustees or Select Men and Clerk as was the last Year.

When the following Querries were proposed:

1st. Viz: As there seem'd a necessity to have a State of the Secular matters, or circumstance of the Church made known at every Annual Meeting, that the Members may be better able to Judge and Vote in matters propos'd would it not be requisite to have an Article made, requiring the Select Men to do the same? Voted such an Article should be made.

2ly. Whether it was not reasonable Mr. Benjamin Baker should be paid for his last Seven Years' Service as Clerk for the Church? Agreed Mr. Baker should make out his Acc't, and bring it into the Church for payment.

Agreeable to the Resolve on the 2d Query proposed the last Meeting of the Society, February 25th, Respecting the time of Payment of Mr. Edmond's Sallary for the future, and the manner it is to be raised; the Church now Subscribe towards his Sallary only for Seven Months, which is from the time this Year's Sallary becomes due, to our next Annual Meeting, and by that means, his Sallary, or that part that we pay towards it, while matters are thus circumstanced, will commence from thence the same as Mr. Osgood's.

3ly. Query - As there seem'd a dissatisfaction about that Article wherein it was allow'd for

the Eldest Son to enjoy his Father's Right, was it proper that Matter be again put to vote? Voted it should, and the alteration Determined as followeth: viz: Whereas disputes have arisen concerning the Disposal of a Person's Right of Choice after his Decease, the Church now has Resolv'd to allow any Person in his Will to dispose of it as he Pleaseth among his Heirs, but in case any person having a Right at his Death should neglect it, then his Heirs to have the Liberty of dividing it amongst themselves as they like best, including the Widow of the Deceased to have an equal Right if any such as long as she remains his Widow, and provided such Heirs can't unanimously agree about such Division. Then, by application of any one of them to the Church to interfere, the Church shall proceed to divide the said Rights as they think most for the good of the whole, and the said Heirs shall be subject to their Determination, Whereas in our Secular matters we find we have often Occasion to Vote, and that the Members may be better able to Judge in any Question proposed to them from time to time, it is concluded for the future that in the forenoon of every Annual Meeting day the Select Men for the time being, shall lay a State thereof before the Church to be published by the Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Church 28th of February, 1770, it was Resolved and voted that Mr. Benjamin Baker shall have fifteen Pounds added to his Right in consideration for his Services done in the Church as Clerk, some time past.

When also, as the number of Pews in the Meeting House was not sufficient with conveniency

to accommodate near all the Members, and twas expected the number would increase by persons Removing from Carolina, and several NonSubscribers seem'd willing to subscribe for a Right of Choice if there was more Room, it was concluded and Voted that an addition be made to our House of Worship.

It was also concluded that different Plans be made and be laid before the Church at the Annual Meeting, when they are to determine where the addition is to be made.

At the Annual Meeting 1st March, 1769, the following Questions were proposed, viz: 1st,

Whether Our Rights shall now be Closed, or the Members be allow'd to add still to their Rights? Carried in the Vote that the Rights shall now be closed.

2ly. Whether Persons having a Right to the Meeting House may add their Rights? Carried in the Negative.

3ly. Whether a Child under Six Years Old shall be entitled to a whole Seat or a half Seat only? Carried only a half Seat.

When Parmenas Way was Chairman, and Samuel Jones and John Stevins declining as Select Men, John Martin, Esq., and John Stacy were chosen in their stead, and Benjamin Andrew, John Quarterman and the Chairman Chosen again, and Serves another Year in that Office, and James

Andrew, Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Society on Wednesday, 28th Feb'y., Parmenas Way, Esq'r., Chairman, the church Resolv'd, viz: 1st. That as the Church was in debt, and there seem'd a necessity of making some addition to our Church or more room, that they must decline the thoughts of a Fund at present and apply Mr. Clark's Legacy for said purpose, or as there was Occasion for it otherwise.

2ly. That an addition should be Built to our House of Worship, or some method fallen on to make more Room therein.

3ly. That different Plans be made to lay before the Church the Annual Meeting, that they might the more readily Determine concerning the said addition or alteration.

4ly. That Mr. Benjamin Baker, upon bringing his Acc't, then laid before them, should have, according to his request, the sum of fifteen Pounds added to his Right in consideration for his Service as Clerk some Years past.

At the Annual Meeting 7th March, 1770, when Parmenas Way, Esq'r., was Chairman, it was resolv'd, viz:

1st. That Parmenas Way, Esq'r., John Martin, Esq'r., Benjamin Andrew, Esq'r., Peter Sallens, Esq'r., and John Stacy shall be Select Men this Year, and James Andrew contin'd clerk.

2ly. That the Gallery be made commodious for the Whites, and a Shed be made for the Negroes.

3ly. That the Rights be open'd and a Subscription be offered, not only to Subscribers to enlarge their Right if disposed, but Non-Subscribers, that they may also obtain a Right.

4ly. That the Church shall meet again in Two Months' time to consult further about the same.

At a meeting of the Church 28th of March, 1770, it was Absolutely Voted and agreed on that an aisle be made to the South side of our Meeting House Forthwith about 29 Feet by 20, Roof Porch fashion with Hip end, and to defray the expense of which a Subscription was proposed, and offered for any person not having a Right to obtain a Right if disposed, and others that had a Right, if he thought proper to enlarge it.

6th March, 1771. Annual Meeting, Parmenas Way, Esq'r., Chairman.

It was Voted that the Select Men for the last Year, Viz: Parmenas Way, Benjamin Andrew, Peter Sallens, John Martin, Esq'r., and Mr. John Stacy, continue Select Men for this Year. That Benjamin Baker shall be Clerk.

That an alteration in our articles on account of alteration of our Constitution and Circumstances is expedient, and that the fifth as well as sixth Article shall be expunged.

It was then determined that every whole

Pew should take in seven persons.

At an Occasional Meeting 26th June, 1771, a call was made out in order to be sent to the northward, to the College in New Jersey called Nassau Hall, was read and it was put to Vote whether it was sufficient, and should be sent, and it was agreed in the Affirmative.

2ly. It was next put to Vote what should be promised in the Call to the person who should comply therewith and paid to him for defraying the expence of his passage to us and for one year's service among us, and it was voted to be one hundred Pounds Sterling.

3d. It was put to vote whether or no we should empower the Select Men to sign the Call and Letters to be sent to the said Colledge, and determined in the affirmative. N. B. -- The copy of said Call is in page 209.

March 4th, 1772. Annual Meeting, Parmenas Way, Esq., Chairman:

Parmenas Way, Esq., Benjamin Andrew, John Stacy, continued Select Men and Mr. Samuel Saltus and Gideon Dowse chosen in the room of Mr. Peter Sallins and John Martin, declining to serve longer.

It was then carried by votes that the addition to the Meeting House should be on the North side of it.

April 1st, 1772, a meeting was held in or-

der to determine in a regular and authentic manner, being advertised two Sabbaths before, whether the addition to our Meeting House should be made on the North or South side of it? It was carried for the South.

2d. Whether the Pews in it should be long ones with seats only in the back parts, or square ones? Was carried for square Pews.

3d. That persons marrying into a family shall not entitle that family to more Seats by virtue of the Right of Choice, which the head of the said family is, or was entitled to, was likewise then determined. And further as follows:

4th. That a man may in his order of choice choose seats for his own children, though married or moved from him as far as to one whole Pew, if they have no right but by virtue of his.

5thly. That the choice of such as have no Rights shall be determined by ballot, when necessary.

6ly. That in order to know how many seats families are entitled to, every head of a family shall exhibit a true account of all his family entitled to seats, above and under six years of old at, or before the February Meeting to some of the Select Men, or to the Clerk.

7. That no person shall be allow'd to choose seats on the Right of any person, not a frequenter of Public Worship in this place, nor shall any per-

son having a Right to choose seats in order to dispose of them to other persons.

8. That several families whose Rights are by Heirship to one man, may keep the said Right undivided if they so choose, and have their Choice by Virtue, and in the order of that Right as far as to one whole Pew and no further, and may divide the Said Right among themselves when they please, or apply to the Select Men to do it for them, to whose determination they shall in that case stand.

9. That the Precentor shall, in lieu of his Right of choice and for his service, be annually allowed the first choice of four seats, rent free.

10. That no person shall be entitled to a whole Pew, unless his family consists of seven persons above six years old, or by reckoning one for every two of such as are under, shall make up that number.

11. That all such persons as live in any one's family and are maintained by him or her, and destitute Relations so living, and Relations residing in the family and under the care and government of the said Head of the Family, shall be accounted of his or her family and no other.

12. That such persons as do not pay off their arrears on or before the February Meeting, shall loose their order of choice for that year.

13. That every person having a Right of Choice may dispose of the same by his last Will to any one of his family, or such of them as he please,

which if he does not do, his children shall, all of them, be equally Heirs thereto, the Widdow, while she continues his Widdow, being equal to a child in said Heirship, and no longer.

14. That whatever is to be put to vote at any of our Meetings, if of importance, shall be notified two Sabbaths before the said meeting.

15 That no persons having Rights of choice shall unite or join their Rights together in order to entitle them all to a prior choice, the absolute parting with, and conveyance of Rights, being under the following limitation, notwithstanding, allow'd of.

16. That no person or persons shall transfer or convey his or their Right or Rights but to such as the Society shall approve of.

17. That every Clause and Article heretofore recorded in this book inconsistent with these determinations are henceforth void and of no effect.

February 24th, 1773. The Select Men met in order to receive pew rents and subscriptions for the addition made to the Meeting House. The day being rainy, but few attended, a meeting was therefore appointed and held for the above purposes on Monday, March 8th, and the Annual Meeting held on the Wednesday following, being the 10th of March, 1773, when the pews were lett. On the said 10th of March, Mess'rs. Parmenas Way, Benjamin Andrew, John Stacy, Samuel Saltus re-elected Select Men, and Mr. William Graves, in

the room of Mr. Gideon Dowse, who declined serving longer, for this year.

25th October, 1773. The Society met and determined to devote L60 of the money now in the hands of the Select Men towards the charge of printing 20 of the Sermons of the Rev;d, Mr. John Osgood, and to allow to Benjamin Baker 12/6 apiece for transcribing.

22d November, 1773. The Society then met and agreed to give Mr. Daniel Roberts a Call to preach to us for one year, and to give one hundred pounds to him for his said one year's service.

10th January, 1774. As some Members of this Church who were not present at the former meeting seem'd dissatisfied, the Church, in order to give full satisfaction, appointed another Meeting this day, when a Call was produced and read, and it was voted that the same should be signed and delivered to Mr. Daniel Roberts, which was accordingly done. It was also then voted and agreed to have him ordain'd as soon as it might conveniently be done. It was then, also, at his desire put to vote whether he should preach by note or without? Carried by a very great majority for preaching at present by note.

March 2d, 1774. At an Annual Meeting, Parmenas Way, Esq'r., John Winn, Esq., William Graves and Samuel Saltus were appointed Select Men for this year. It was then voted that the Rev'd. Mr. John Osgood's Sallary should be paid to his estate to the time of his death.

It was then determined to lett Pews on Wednesday, 16th of this inst. It was likewise then determined that the subscription for getting or adding to Rights shall be kept open till the said 16th of March, and be on that day closed.

16th March, 1774. A Meeting was held, being advertised two Sabbaths before, and it was determined to detain Mr. Daniel Roberts among us and that he should officiate by praying and reading, either printed, or the Rev'd. Mr. Osgood's manuscript, sermons among us.

It was also then voted that this Church, by the Select Men, shall acquaint the Rev'd. Mr. Zubly with their transactions, this day respecting Mr. Roberts and ask his concurrence therewith and advice for their future conduct.

It was then voted to present him, (the Rev'd. Mr. Zubly,) with twelve pounds in consideration of his past services among us.

The subscription for raising of Rights was then closed, and it was determined that such as do not pay off the sums by them subscribed, on or before the last Wednesday in February next, shall be forever debarred and excluded all Rights by virtue of this last subscription.

18th July, 1774. The Church met, the said meeting having been advertised the two preceding Sabbaths, and agreed to build a Parsonage House 30 feet long and 18 wide, with a Piazza on one side eight feet wide, the said house to be two stories

with a pitch roof, three rooms and a closet above stairs, and one chamber and a press below, and likewise a Kitchen 20 feet long and 12 wide with one partition.

22d February, 1775. Was a Meeting for receiving Pew Rents and subscriptions.

1st March, 1775. Wednesday, Annual Meeting, Parmenas Way, Benjamin Andrew and John Winn, Esq'r., and Messrs. Samuel Saltus and William Graves were re-elected Select Men for this year.

1. It was then put to vote and agreed, that further Time, that is to say, till the last Wednesday in February next, shall be allow'd for paying off the Subscription above mentioned, and that no Rights shall be allowed of by virtue thereof until the money is actually paid.

2. It was then put to vote whether this Church should further employ Mr. Daniel Roberts, and agreed, to detain him upon Trial Six Months longer, and to allow him five pounds a month, he to pray and read to and among us as heretofore; follow his studies.

3d. It was agreed to give the Rev'd. Mr. J. J. Zubly an Invitation to preach to this Church once in six weeks, and find himself Horses necessary incoming to and going from us, and if he consents to do so, to give him Thirty Pounds for his trouble for one year.

22 May, 1775. 1. It was put to Vote whether we should employ two Ministers? Carried in the Affirmative.

2. Whether we shall give, by the first Opportunity, a Call to the Rev'd Mr. William Schenck? Carried in the Affirmative.

3. What shall be offered to him for his first year's Salary? Agreed L150, he paying his own passage.

4. In what manner said Salary shall be raised for said first year? Agreed that such Part of it as the Pew Rents fall short of, shall be by Subscription.

Wednesday, 6th March, 1776. But few met, this Province being in a State of Alarm, and the major part of the men of this District being at Savannah. Some few Notes were paid off and taken up, and new ones given for the ensuing year, a few left their last year's notes standing and gave other for this.

30th September, 1776. A meeting having been Advertised two preceding Sabbaths, the Society met to determine something respecting getting a Minister; and agreed to send to a Gentlemen who is now a Preacher in Carolina, to Visit and preach here, the design being, if approved, to give him a call. It was further agreed that if the said Gentleman be not settled here, to write to Doct'r Lyman Hall, now at the Northward, to endeavor to get a Minister for this place from some of the Northern

Provinces.

Monday, 25th October, 1776. A Meeting having been advertised two preceding Sabbaths, the Society met and agreed to send a Call to South Carolina for a Minister, for one year upon Trial, and to give to him that shall accept thereof 125 Pounds Georgia Currency for the said year's service.

Messrs. Thomas Quarterman, Robert Quarterman and Thomas Baker were appointed to go with the said Call and to offer it to any such Preacher, as two of them shall agree upon. The Call was accordingly on that day signed by the Select Men in Society and put into the hands of the Messengers. Said Call to the Rev'd Mr. Henderson, who agreed to visit us the 2d Sabbath in December. 8th December, 1776, the Rev'd Mr. Henderson preached to us.

Wednesday, 8th January, 1777. A Meeting having been advertised two preceding Sabbaths before, the Society Met and agreed to endeavour to get the Rev'd Mr. Henderson to come and settle among us, and that the Select Men should write to him for that purpose. This Letter being written and sent to Savannah was by some recalled without consulting the Church.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1777. The Select Men who were appointed in the year 1775, viz: Messrs. Parmenas Way, Benjamin Andrew, John Winn, Sen'r, Samuel Saltus and William Graves, were rechosen.

It was agreed that the Pews be continued as before, without any choice or change this year.

Some few payments were made, others gave Notes, some for the last, and ensuing year. And it was agreed to have another Meeting on the last Wednesday in this Month.

26th March, Anno 1777. Wednesday. A meeting was held when more payments of Pew Rents were made and Notes given. It was then agreed to send immediately a Call to the Rev'd Mr. Moses Allen.

The said Call was accordingly sent and accepted of by Mr. Allen, who came to us and preached his first sermons on the 22d day of June, 1777, being the Lord's Day.

4th March, 1778, Wednesday, Annual Meeting: Parmenas Way, Benjamin Andrew, John Winn, Samuel Saltus, and William Graves, Esq'r, re-chosen Select Men for this year. It was then Voted that the sum to be raised by the Rents of Pews shall be L180. The pews were accordingly new rated.

It was agreed that the select Men Pay the Rev'd Mr. Allen for his Service among us to this 4th March, 1778, at the rate of L150 per Annum; and agree with him for the ensuing year, Viz: till March, 1779, at the same Rate. The Pews were then let and Notes given.

In the latter end of the year 1778, the Church and Society was broken up and scattered by

an Invasion from our British enemies, most of the people fled for refuge into the Northern States. Our minister, the Rev. Mr. Moses Allen, was taken a prisoner (with others) at the Reduction of Savannah, and confined on board a prison Ship, from whence endeavouring to make his escape by swimming, was Drowned.

In the year 1783, a number of the Members of the Society being returned, it was agreed that a Call should be given the Rev'd Mr. Gourley and a Sallary of L150 a year offered him. The Call being presented, an encouraging Answer was receiv'd.

In the beginning of the year 1784, it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Quarterman should wait on Mr. Gourley and get a final Answer from him.

After the return of Mr. Thos. Quarterman, notice was given of a meeting of the Society on the 20th April next.

April 20th, 1784. At a meeting of the Society, Samuel Saltus, Esq'r., in the Chair; Mr. Thomas Quarterman Inform'd the Society that he had waited on the Rev'd Mr. Gourley, that he made several Objections to his accepting our Call the most material of which was, the probability of a Division in the Church when we should determine on the place for Building a Meeting House; and gave it as his opinion that if this obstacle was removed he would immediately accept our Call.

Agreed that the Place for building a Meeting House be immediately determined.

Question put. Whether a Meeting House should be built at the Place the former Meeting House stood; or on some place more Central.

Messrs. William Quarterman, Robert Quarterman, Thos. Stevins, William Baker, Sen'r, Edward Sumner, John Osgood, William Bacon, James Girardeau, Thomas Baker, not being determined within themselves which would be for the best, and professing to be entirely satisfied either way, desired to be excused from Voting. Messrs. Josiah Osgood, John Bacon, Benjamin Andrew, Thomas Graves, John Peacock, Gideon Dowse, Joseph Oswald, Joseph Law, Thomas Bradwell, voted for some place more Central: Messrs. John Winn, John Elliott, John Baker, B. John Way, William Way, Lazarus Mallard, Samuel Burnley, Nathaniel Baker, Thomas Sumner, Nathaniel Baker, Thomas Sumner, Nathan Taylor, James Maxwell, William Baker, B. John Whitehead, Robert Sallet, James Stuart, voted for the place the former Meeting House stood, Carried by a Majority of one for the Place the former meeting House stood.

Agreed that a Call be again sent to the Rev'd Mr. Gourley and that he be acquainted by a letter that we have determined on the place for Building our Meeting House without any unhappy Division among us, and that a final Answer be requested him.

Messrs. Gideon Dowse, Thomas Stevins, John Bacon, John Elliott, and Peter Winn were chosen Select Men for the present year.

And Thomas Baker, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Society, May 1784, a letter from the Rev'd Mr. Gourley was read wherein he absolutely refused accepting our Call. Question put whether we should make application to Scotland, or to the Northern States for a minister of the Gospel. Carried by a majority that application should be made to the Northward.

Agreed that the Select Men should have a call written and inclosed in a letter to the Rev'd. Mr. Hart, and that he be requested to use his utmost endeavour to persuade some young man, a Minister of the Gospel, who he shall think will suit us, to accept our Call and come and settle among us as our Minister.

At a meeting of the Society, May 1784, the Society was inform'd of a young man, Mr. Holmes, intending for the Ministry, now keeping a School in South Carolina, and came well recommended from the President of the Colledge where he was educated.

Question put. Whether, as our Call is not yet sent to the Northward, it is most advisable first to make application to Mr. Holmes to come and Preach the Gospel among us. Carried in Affirmative.

Agreed that the Select Men write to Mr. Holmes for that purpose, and offer him a Salary of L150 a year.

A Letter was accordingly written and sent to Mr. Holmes, and an Answer received from him, acquainting them of his accepting their Invitation.

At a meeting of the Society, 28th July, 1784, Mr. Saltus in the Chair, Agreed that a course Meeting House be built near the spot where the former Stood 40 Feet long, 30 Feet wide, with posts in the Ground, and the the sides filled up with poles. Three Doors to be made in it, one in each end, and one in the front side, one Window to be made between each Corner of the House and the Door: a small Window to be built on each side of the Pulpit on the back side of the House, and a Window between each of the small windows and the Corners of the House.

9th March, 1785. A Meeting, having been notified two preceding Sabbaths was held. Samuel Saltus, Esq'r, Chairman. It was then Voted that Gideon Dowse, Thomas Stevins, Sam'l Saltus, John Elliott and Peter Winn be Select Men, and Benjamin Baker, Clerk, for the ensuing Year.

That the Clerk be allowed Twelve Pounds for his Service for one year.

It was then put to vote Whether the Salary promised to Mr. Holmes shall be paid up to this Day and a new year commence from the first Wednesday in March, which is our appointed Annual Meeting? Agreed to. Proposed, What shall be Holmes' Salary for the ensuing year? Agreed that it shall be one hundred and fifty Pounds.

It was then Determined, that the Select Men shall collect at this Time, half, and but half, of the money due on, and by Subscription.

That the Select Men shall rate the seats in this, our present Meeting House, and Rent them out, in such manner as to Raise, thereby, the sum of one hundred and eighty pounds, for the ensuing year.

John Elliott, Esq'r, was then chosen Precentor, and five seats on his own Right of choice, was agreed to be allowed him for the said Service.

It was then agreed to allow four Pounds to some Person that will keep the Meeting House clean.

It was then put to Vote, Whether the Rights for choice of seats, shall be determined by what each person shall then, viz: At the time of choosing, have paid towards building this house, or to what they shall have paid to that, and to the Preacher's Sallary also, both being added. Determined, that, for this once, both shall be added for that purpose, but that this shall not be a Precedent for the future. Rights in this case having been, heretofore always determined by what was paid towards Building for the Convenience of Public Worship, such as the house of Worship and appendage of it, Vestry and Parsonage, or Glebe House.

It was then again proposed, Whether the rights of Choice shall be determined and settled on the fourth Wednesday in this Month, which will be

the 23rd. day of it, by what shall be, by, or upon that Time paid for the purpose, to the Select Men. Agreed.

Proposed, Whether we should endeavour to get Mr. Holmes, our Preacher, Ordained soon? Agreed, N. C.

It was then, also determined, that seats be rented on Monday, the Twenty-eight Day of this Month, March.

At a meeting on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1785, the following Persons paid as follows:

Est. James Stewart,	L 5 16
Jas. Maxwell,	5 15
Lazarus Mallard,	4 11
John Winn,	4 8 4
Joseph Law,	4 8 2
James Dunwody,	4 4 10
John Elliott,	4 2 8
Gideon Dowse,	4 2 4
Peter Winn,	4 1 8
William Way,	4 0 8
Thos. Quarterman, Sen'r,	4 0 7
Sam'l Saltus,	4 0 0
John Bacon,	3 13 1
William Quarterman,	3 10
Sam'l Burnley,	2 10 4
Edw'd Way,	2 9
Benj'n Andrew, Jun'r,	2 8 2
Thos. Stevins,	2 7 4
Josiah Osgood,	2 5 10
Est. Sam'l Stevins,	2 5 5 1/2
Thomas Baker,	2 5 5 1/2

John Osgood,	2	4	10
James Wilson,	2	4	
Philip Lowe,	2	2	
John Baker B,	2	2	
Andrew Walthour,	2	1	
John Whitehead,	2	0	
Josiah Powell,	2	0	
Henry Wood,	2	0	
Wm. Jeans Baker,	2	0	
Thos. Burnley,	2	0	
Jas. Wood,	1	19	8
Wm. Baker R,	1	17	4
Wm. Bacon,	1	15	
Edw'd Sumner,	1	14	8
Thos. Goulding,	1	12	8
Wm. Denny,	1	12	7 1/2
Thos. Bacon, Jun'r,	0	10	10 1/2
John Goulding,	0	10	10
Palmer Goulding,	0	10	6
John Way, S. of Thos.	0	9	4
Thos. Bacon,	3	5	3
Est. John Stevens,	3	1	9
Joseph Oswald,	3	0	8
Robt. Quarterman,	3	3	
John Way,	3	0	1
John Mitchell, Jun'r,	3	0	0
John Lambright,	2	19	1
Wm. Baker, Sen'r,	2	16	
Daniel Stewart,	2	15	
John Norman,	2	14	5
Jonathan Bacon,	2	12	10
Wm. H. Cassels,	2	10	8
George Law,	2	10	6
Thos. Graves,	1	10	4
Joseph Way, Sen'r,	1	10	4
Rebecca Graves,	1	10	4

Simon Frazier,	1	10	4
Wm. Goulding,	1	10	4
Parmenas Way,	1	10	
Thos. Quarterman, Jun'r,	1	10	
Mrs. Anderson,	1	9	10
Wm. Girardeau,	1	6	5
Benj'n. Baker,	1	4	6
John Mitchell, Sen'r,	1	1	9
Elijah Lewis,	1	1	9
Est. John Kell,	1	1	
Jas. Stacy,	1	1	
Rich'd Girardeau,	1	1	
Joseph Quarterman,	1		
Joseph Plummer,	1		
Sarah Spencer,	0	18	8
Thos. Sumner,	0	16	4
John Quarterman,	0	15	2
Jas. Girardeau,	0	15	
Wm. Spencer,	0	14	7
John Way, Jun'r,	0	10	10 1/2
John Croft,	0	9	4
Elijah Quarterman,	0	9	4
Nath'l Baker,	0	9	4
Wm. Baker B,	0	5	10

Added to B. B.

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	8, 5 15		21, 7
	9, 7 17		22, 6 15
	10, 7 12		23, 6 10
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The above Columns are the numbers and prices of Benches in the Body of the House. The ten below are the numbers and prices of do. in the Addition.

Addition -- Seats in each

28, £ 3	9	6
29, 2 10	9	5
30, 2	9	9
31, 1 10	9	3
32, 1	8	6
33, 1 10	9	1
34, 2	9	7
35, 2 10	9	8
36, 3	9	9
37, 1	8	7

22nd. June 1785. The Addition mentioned in the next page being finished and 10 Benches added, they were numbered and rated as in the last column.

At a meeting 28th April, 1785, the Library Society was revived, and the Articles read and signed, and Abiel Holmes, Esq'r., appointed President, Thomas Stevins, Librarian, William Quarterman, Treasurer, and John Elliott Esq'r., Clerk.

It was then agreed to build an addition to the east side of our present Meeting House, 12 feet wide, and a Shelter for Negroes on the South end, 12 feet wide, and that such cash of the Church, as is now in the hands of the Select Men, be applied, as far as is necessary, to said purpose.

It was then, also, agreed to have a Vestry House built as soon as may be; of the size of the former, exclusive of the shed which was to that; the same to be framed on stilts and set upon Blocks, boarded with feather-edged Boards planed, and a good board floor. And that a Subscription be opened to raise Money for defraying the expence of Building the same.

At a meeting 13th September, 1785, to consider of what is due from this Society to the estate of the Rev'd Moses Allen. It appears that on the 4th March, 1778, Mr. Allen was paid for his past Services and then agreed with for £150 or at that Rate for the ensuing and then begun year.

On November following, this Settlement was broken up, Houses and Crops burnt, and on

December, the Inhabitants in general quite forsook this Country.

It was therefore, on said 13th September agreed, that Mr. Allen's Estate shall be paid, to such person or persons, as shall appear to be legally authorized to receive the same, the Salary due for nine months at the Rate which had agreed on, and the Value which the Current Money of this shall appear to be then of, agreeable to the scale of depreciation, appointed, and published in this State. That Interest be allowed at 8 percent per annum on said due to estate of Mr. Allen, from the time that Savannah was recovered from the British, Viz: 12th July, 1782, to the time that each person shall pay his quota. That each person's proportion shall be settled accordingly, and advertised, and payments required immediately made to the Select Men, or Notes given for the payments of the same, on or before the first day of March next.

At a meeting 1st March, 1786, Messrs. Samuel Saltus, John Elliott, Gideon Dowse, William Quarterman, and Peter Winn were chosen Select Men. John Elliott, Esq'r., Precentor, and allow'd 5 Seats on his Right of choice in the Meeting therefor, Thomas Baker, Clerk, and allowed Eight Pounds therefor, and five Pounds allow'd for keeping clean the Meeting House.

On Monday last, the Benches in the meeting house were rated as follows: in order to raise a sum of money sufficient to pay the Parson's Salary and other necessary expenses:

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At a meeting of the Church and Society, 15th March, 1786, proposed, that the Building a parsonage House be set on foot. Carried in the Affirmative.

Proposed, that a Committee be appointed to sell the present Glebe land, and purchase some other place for the purpose to the Southward of the Meeting house, not to exceed three miles and half from the same; carried in the affirmative, and Col. Maxwell, Mr. Dowse and Mr. Peter Winn were appointed that Committee.

At a meeting 28th February, 1787, Determined that the whole Sum due on the Notes given for rent of seats in the Meeting House be paid.

Agreed, that Mr. Holmes' Salary be paid up to the time he arrived at the Northward.

Agreed, that Mr. Morse shall be paid at the rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds a year for his Services among us, and that his Salary shall commence from the time he set off to come to us and continue till one month after he leaves us.

Agreed, that a call be presented Mr. Morse to supply Mr. Holmes' place till his return, which is expected in the fall; and should he not return sooner, till the end of the year.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1787. Messrs. Samuel Saltus, Gideon Dowse, John Elliott, William Quarterman, and Peter Winn were chosen Select Men for the ensuing year. Mr. Samuel Bird was chosen Precentor and allow'd Three pounds, Ten Shillings a year. Thos. Baker, Clerk, allow'd Eight Pounds a year. And Four Pounds allowed for the person who undertakes the cleaning the Meeting and Vestry Houses.

At a meeting of the Church Society, 4th March 1789. Chosen as Select Men, Samuel Saltus, John Elliott, William Quarterman, Peter Winn and Gideon Dowse.

Proposed, what shall be the Salary for the Clerk to keep the Records? Agreed, £6.

Propos'd, what shall be the mode of signing in the Church the ensuing year? Carried, One half of the day by reading the lines, and the other half without.

Proposed, What shall be the Salary for the Precentor this year? Carried, £5.

Proposed, that three front seats be appropriated for the Singers, agreed to.

Friday, 18th December, 1789. At a meeting of the church and society agreed that a Parsonage House be built, and that the Select Men open subscriptions for that purpose.

24th February, 1790. At meeting of the Church and Society, being advertised two preceding Sabbaths:

Proposed, Whether it be right and equitable there should be a deduction in Mr. Holmes' Salary for the last year, on account of his going to the Northward? Carried in the Affirmative.

Proposed, What the Deduction ought to be? Agreed one Fourth.

Proposed, Whether Three fourths of the Notes be paid, and the Notes given up? Carried in the Affirmative.

3d. March, 1790. At an Annual Meeting, Samuel Saltus, Esq'r., John Elliott, Esq'r., Peter Winn, Esq'r., William Quarterman, and Thomas

Sumner were appointed Select Men for the present year.

Agreed, that Mr. Holmes be allow'd £150 as his Salary this year.

Mr. Sam'l Bird was Chosen Precentor, and allowed Five Pounds.

William Baker, Sen'r., Clerk to keep the Records, and to have Six Pounds for the same.

Mr. Mallard to keep clean the Meeting House, and be allowed Four Pounds.

Agreed, that a Blank Book be purchased for the use of the church to keep the Records in.

Agreed, that the money paid by Mr. Thos. Stevins to the church last year, be returned to him for his Services.

Agreed, that the addition to the Meeting House be repaired, and that some Public money in the hand of Mr. Thos. Stevins be applied by the Select Men for that purpose.

Agreed, that the Three Front Seats which were appropriated for singers last year, be continued in the same manner this.

At an Occasional Meeting 28th June, 1790, being advertised the two preceeding Sabbaths.

Agreed, the Rev'd. Mr. Holmes have

Liberty to go to the Northward, and return as soon as he can make it convenient. And also, that his sallary shall continue during his absence.

Agreed, the Rev'd. Mr. Holmes in future, have Liberty to go to New England once in three years to visit his Relations and Friends.

Agreed, that the Monies paid toward Building parsonage House be added to persons Rights in this, and a future Meeting House.

Agreed, that this Church and Society be Requested to meet at this place the first Wednesday in August next, to determine on Building a Meeting House, and also the place where.

Agreed, Mr. Powell's Right in Meeting House be added to Mr. Henry Woods.

At a Meeting of the church and Society, this 4th of August, 1790, (agreeable to a resolve of the Church and Society, 28th of June last.)

Whether it be built on the land the Present Meeting House Stands? Carried that it shall; by thirty four against twenty nine.

Proposed, Whether it be considered that the First Article of our Church impowers the Select Men to assess Persons in order to raise Monies for the use of the Society? Carried in the Negative.

At an annual Meeting 9th March 1791, Thomas Stevins, Esq'r., in the chair, - John Elliott Esq'r., Thomas Sumner, Esq'r., Peter Winn, Esq'r., and William Quarterman continued Select Men for the present year. Mr. Josiah Osgood also elected in the room of Samuel Saltus, Esq'r., deceased.

William Baker, clerk, to keep the Records, and allowed Six Pounds for the same, and three Guineas for additional trouble of Transcribing the Records of this Church and Society.

Samuel Bird, Precentor; and to have Five Pounds. Lazarus Mallard to keep clean the Meeting house, and to be allowed Four Pounds.

The Rev'd. Mr. Abiel Holmes to have £150 for the present year.

Agreed, the Clerk take the Names of the Subscribers to the Articles of this Church in the old Book, and enter them in the new. Certified under his hand.

Mrs. Holmes allowed 1 seat at her choice.

Agreed, the three benches allowed for Singers last year be continued in the same manner this.

At an Occasional meeting 11th of July, 1791, the said meeting being publicly Notified the two preceding Sabbaths, Thomas Stevins, Esquire in the chair, -

Voted, that a ballance due Mr. Robt. Oswald, for work done on the parsonage house, be paid out of the unappropriated money due on notes payable to this Church, the last Wednesday in February next.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Holmes be paid for his services during the time he was with us this year.

Voted, that the Select Men be appointed as a committee to write to Mr. Holmes, informing him this church has no further use for his Services.

Voted, that a letter be sent to Doctor Rogers, of New York, requesting him to use his endeavours to prevail with some Gospel Minister, to come and settle among us. Agreed, also, that the Select Men be appointed to send the above letter, and a call, offering the sum of one hundred and thirty Pounds Sterling to said person for one year's services.

Voted, that the Select Men be empowered (for this once) to assess all persons of this Society, agreeable to what they possess, for raising any deficiency of money that may be wanting for the above purpose.

Voted that application be made to the Church at Sunbury, and also to the Rev'd. Mr. Hitchcock, requesting him to preach for us as often as may be agreed upon, we Promising to pay him at the rate of One Hundred and Thirty Pounds per year for such proportion of time as he shall preach for us.

Application made as above, and it was agreed

the Rev'd Mr. Hitchcock should Preach for us once in three Sabbaths.

Mr. Hitchcock began to preach for us the 31st of July, 1791.

At an Occasional Meeting 23rd of August, 1791, said meeting having been Notified, agreeable to our Articles the two preceding Sabbaths,

Voted, that the Select Men Contract with some person or persons to build a Meeting House.

Voted, said house be built 60 feet by 40; also agreed it shall be 20 feet in the stories.

Voted that the form of the Roof be as our Old Meeting House was, that is to say, a Pitch Roof, Hip'd at one end, and a steeple at the other; and also to stand in the same manner as the former house did.

Voted, that the number of Lights in said House be left to the Select Men to determine. Agreed also the above house be built of the best wood.

Agreed Thomas Stevins, Esq'r., be elected Select Men in the room of Colonel Elliott, deceased.

The Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve preached for us Sabbath, 11th of December, 1791, for the first time.

Wednesday, 14th March, 1792, being our annual meeting, a few Persons met, but the weather

being unfavorable, no business done, it was then agreed we should meet on Monday next. Monday, 19th, the weather still unfavorable, the business of the Society was again put off till Monday next.

Monday, 26th March, 1792. Thomas Stevins, Esq'r., Chairman. It was voted that Thos. Stevins, Esq'r., Peter Winn, Esq'r., and Josiah Osgood be continued Select Men this year, and William Way and William Baker, Sen'r, elected in the room of Mr. William Quarterman, who declined serving any longer, and also in the room of Thos. Sumner, Esq'r, deceased.

Voted, that William Baker, Sen'r., be continued clerk, and to have Six Pounds for his salary, Mr. Sam'l Bird, Precentor. And to be paid for the proportion of time he serves us at the rate of five pounds per year. And in his absence, Messrs. Peter Winn, James Wilson and William Wilson to carry on Singing, and a deduction to be made out of their Seats for such proportion of time as Mr. Bird shall be absent, at the above rate.

Voted, Mr. Lazarus Mallard keep clean the Meeting and Vestry Houses and allowed Four pounds per year. Benches continue to singers as last year.

Voted, that the Rev'd. Mr. Gildersleeve be paid up to the present time, and a call be given him for the ensuing year to commence from this date.

Voted, Mr. Gildersleeve be paid the ex-

penses he was at in coming to us at first.

Voted, that his salary be one hundred thirty pounds this year.

Voted, that Mr. Guildersleeve go to the Northward this year to be ordained, and have liberty to stay two months, or if he returns within three, no deduction shall be made in his salary.

Voted, Mrs. Munro be allowed a Right in the Meeting House of Six pounds in consequence of two silver Cups given for the use of the Church.

Occasional Meeting, 11th June, 1792, said meeting being publicly advertised the two preceeding Sabbaths.

Whereas, a number of the Southern Members of this Church and Society seemed Dissatisfied with the meeting house being built at the place which had been agreed on the 4th of August, 1790, the Select Men therefore to give satisfaction (if possible to all) called a Meeting this day; but as it appeared a great part of the stuff for building the house, was on, or near the spot determined on for building said House, and the expence of Removing it would be great, it was therefore agreed the Building be carried on as before determined.

It being put to vote this day, Whether the Pews in the Meeting House be square or long? Carried for long Pews.

July 6th, 1792. Whereas, it was thought inconvenient that the steeple of the Meeting House should be at the West end (as had been agreed on the 23rd of August, 1791.) It was therefore concluded this day that the Steeple be fixed at the South end, facing the Newport Road.

Agreed, that the Select Men write to the Presbytery of New Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, requesting them to Ordain Mr. Guildersleeve to the ministry.

Annual Meeting, 13th March, 1793. Thomas Stevins in the chair.

Agreed, the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve have one hundred and thirty pounds this year for his salary.

Agreed, William Baker be continued clerk and allowed Six Pounds.

Mr. Edward Stevins, Precentor, and allowed Five pounds.

Mr. Mallard to keep clean the meeting house and Vestry, and allowed Four pounds for the same.

Agreed, the seats in the old meeting house be removed into the new, as soon as can conveniently be done, in the same order as they stand in the old.

Agreed, Mrs. Gildersleeve be allowed 2 Seats at her choice, one to be paid for on account

of her child.

Agreed, the Clerk take account of such persons who may occupy Seats in the Meeting House, (and give no notes) and charge them with the same.

Agreed, the three Benches be continued for singers as last year. But should they not be taken up in a fortnight, the Clerk then to let them to any who may apply.

At an Annual Meeting, this 12th of March, 1794, Thos. Stevins, Esq'r, in the chair, —

Voted, that Thomas Stevins, Esq'r, Peter Winn, Esq'r, William Way, James Wilson and William Baker be Select Men this year.

William Baker chosen clerk and allowed £6. Edward Stevins, Chorister, and to have £5 per annum. Lazarus Mallard to keep clean the meeting house and to be allowed four pounds for the same.

Voted, the Rev'd Cyrus Gildersleeve have one hundred and thirty pounds this year for his salary.

Voted, a new Tomb Stone be provided for the Rev'd Mr. John Osgood, (the old one being entirely defaced during the last war.)

Voted, a conductor be got for the new Meeting house, and that Subscriptions be handed about for that purpose.

Voted, that the Rates of Seats stand this year as made out by the Select Men.

Voted, that no persons of this Society shall consolidate their Rights in order to a preference in choice of seats.

Voted, that the two front Benches to the Right and left of the pulpit and half of the two directly in front be appropriated for Singers, and if not taken in a fortnight to be let to any that may apply for them. That Mrs. Gildersleeve have first choice of Seats for herself and Son.

At a meeting of this church and Society, this 13th of January, 1795, the said Meeting being advertised the two preceding Sabbaths, it was agreed that no receipts for Work done on the Meeting House be received after this date but from the Select Men only, or those whom they may authorize for that purpose.

Occasional Meeting, 25th of February, 1795, said meeting being advertised the two preceding Sabbaths, it was agreed that the vote past at the last Annual meeting to prevent Consolidating of Rights be repealed and done away.

Annual Meeting, March 11, 1795. Voted, that the same Select Men be continued this year as was last, and Mr. James McCullough elected in the room of Mr. James Wilson, deceased.

William Baker, elected clerk and allowed 26 Dollars per annum.

Peter Winn, Esq'r, Chorister, and to have 25 1/2 Dollars.

Lazarus Mallard to keep clean the Meeting House and allowed 25 1/2 Dollars.

Voted, the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve have five hundred and fifty eight dollars as his Salary for the present year.

Voted, Mr. Gildersleeve have leave to go to the Northward this Fall, and that a deduction be made from his Salary for the time he may be absent.

Voted, Thomas Stevins, Esq'r, carry on Divine Service on Sabbaths, by Reading Sermons, going to prayer, etc., in the absences of Mr. Gildersleeve, and be allowed one half of the deduction (as above) for said Services.

Voted, that the near squares to the Right and left of the Pulpit have five Pews to the alley, exclusive of the Wall, and the other Squares to have five double pews in each.

Annual Meeting, 9th of March, 1796. Voted, the same Select Men as was last year be continued this.

Voted, that William Baker be Clerk this year, and allowed 26 dollars.

Voted, that Edward Stevins be Chorister, and allowed 25 1/2 dollars as his salary this year.

Voted, that Mr. Lazarus Mallard keep clean the meeting house this year, and allowed for said service Twenty One and half dollars.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be allowed Five hundred and sixty dollars as his Salary this year.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be paid one half of the deduction that was to have been made from his salary during his absence last year, (say Four Months absent.)

Voted, that the near front seats to the Right and Left of the Pulpit, and three seats in each of those directly in front, be reserved for singers, and if not rented in a fortnight, then to any person that may apply for them.

At an Occasional meeting, this 2d of May, 1796, said meeting being advertised two preceding Sabbaths, it was agreed, that a Letter should be sent Mr. Joseph Plummer requesting him to come down and paint the Meeting House, secure the Steeple and work up the stuff now in hand towards the gallery. Inform him, the cash will be paid as soon as the work is done. And should he refuse to come and undertake the work, the Select Men are then to employ any person that will undertake it.

Annual Meeting, March 8th, 1797. Voted that the Article respecting persons paying up arrears by the last Wednesday in February, or loose their right, be expunged.

Voted, that notice be first given three months to all such as are indebted to the church by notes, and if not then paid, the clerk to put them in suit, and be allowed half a dollar for each.

Voted, the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve's salary be Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars the present year.

Voted, that the Select Men that were last year be continued this.

Voted, William Baker, Sen'r, be clerk to keep the Records, and be allowed Twenty Six Dollars for the same.

Voted, that Peter Winn, Esq'r, Edward Stevins, and William Stevens be allowed Twenty one and half Dollars for the same.

Voted, Mr. Lazarus Mallard be employed to keep clean the Meeting house, and allowed Thirty Dollars for the same.

Voted, that the 4 front Pews be appropriated for Singers this year.

At a Meeting of the Church and Society this 28th of February, 1798, the said meeting being advertised two preceding Sabbaths, it was voted that the Pews No. 29, 22, 16 and 35 be reduced one seat in each, on account of the posts that are therein.

Voted, that the seats in the gallery be rated at One and Half Dollars per seat.

Voted, that the same Pews that were appropriated for singers last year be continued this, unless they prefer going up into the Gallery.

Voted, that all persons who have given their Notes to the Church for persons who have proved insolvent, be exonerated from payment of the same.

Annual Meeting, March 14th, 1798. Voted, the same Select Men as was last year, be continued this.

Voted, William Baker, Sen'r, be Clerk to keep the Records.

Voted, that Peter Winn, Esq'r, Edward Stevins and William Stevins be appointed to raise the tunes in Meeting.

Voted, that Mr. Lazarus Mallard be employed to keep clean the Meeting House.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve's Salary be the same as last year, Viz: 560 Dollars.

Ditto, that the Clerk's Salary be Thirty Dollars.

Ditto, that the Salaries of Choristers be the same as last year.

Ditto, that Mr. L. Mallard be allowed to keep

the Records, in the room of Mr. William Baker, Sen'r, deceased, Nov. 5, 1798, when John Stacy were appointed.

Annual Meeting, March 13th, 1799, Thomas Stevins, esquire, in the chair.

Voted, 1st. That the mode lately adopted, of allowing the Precentors a salary in lieu of four seats as formerly, be continued.

2d. That the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve's Salary be the same for this year as it was the last.

3d. That the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be allowed to go to the Northward, on a visit, and his Salary be continued; provided he is not absent more than eight or nine weeks, unless by unavoidable accident.

4th. That the Select Men be authorized to make such alterations in the pews and door of the meeting House, as they may think necessary.

Voted, 5th. That all monies due for seats, by paid by the last Monday preceding our annual meetings; or those neglecting, shall forfeit their Right of choice.

6. That the same Select Men be continued, and that Mr. John Osgood, Sen'r, be added in the room of Mr. William Baker, Sen'r, Deceased.

7. That John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the Records.

8. That Messrs. Edward Stevins, Peter Winn, and Joseph Baron be Choristers.

9. That Mr. Lazarus Mallard be appointed to keep clean the Meeting House.

10th. That the Salaries of all the officers, be the same this year as the last.

11th. And, that the Pews No. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 in the gallery, be reserved for the singers, they paying for the same.

Annual meeting, March 12th, 1800. Thomas Stevins, Esquire, in the chair.

Voted, 1st. That John Stacy be continued Clerk to keep the Records.

2d. That Mr. James McCullough be continued a Select Man.

3d. That Mr. John Osgood be also continued.

4th. That Winn be continued.

5th. That Thomas Stevins be continued.

6th. And that Mr. Lazarus Mallard be added in the room of Mr. William Way, Sen'r, (resigned.)

7th. That the same salary be allowed our ministers this year, as was the last.

8th. That Mr. Edward Stevins be appointed precentor.

9th. That Mr. Lazarus Mallard be appointed to keep clean the Meeting House.

10th. That the salaries of the officers be the same as they were the last year.

11th. That the Pews in the Gallery No. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 be reserved for Singers, they paying for the same.

12th. That the Clerk be authorized to notify such persons as are in arrears by Subscription, or otherwise, to pay the same in one month, and on neglect thereof, to put the same in suit.

13th. That the Select Men be authorized to contract with Mr. James M. Steuart for a piece of Ground, in addition to our burying-ground, and to open a subscription for inclosing and paying for the same.

14th. That Messrs. John Elliott and John Jones be added to the committee, appointed an annual meeting, March, 1798, to determine on some proper mode to establish an academy in this county, in the room of Mr. James Powell and Rev'd Mr. Cloud and that they notify the committee to meet at Riceborough on the first Monday in May next, at 10 o'clock.

Occasional Meeting, February 25, 1801.
Voted that the Subscription for enclosing the

burying-ground be kept open.

Annual Meeting, March 11th, 1801. Thomas Stevins, esquire, in the chair.

Voted, that the same Gentlemen be continued Select Men as was the last year.

Voted, that the same clerk, to keep the Records, be continued.

Voted, that Messrs. Edw'd Stevins, Peter Winn and Joseph Bacon be continued.

Voted, that Mr. Lazarus Mallard be continued to keep clean the meeting house.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be allowed this year, six hundred dollars exclusive of the rents of the Glebe land.

Voted, that the Salaries of the officers be the same this year as they were the last.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be allowed to go to the Northward, three months this year.

Voted, that the same Pews in the Gallery be appropriated to Singers as was the last year.

And, that Thomas Stevins be appointed to carry on public Worship in the absence of our

minister, and be allowed Twenty five dollars. Entered by Order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 10th, 1802. Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair.

Voted, that the article passed 1st of April 1772, be amended so as to allow a Widow the same proportion of her husband's Right as the heirs of his personal property.

Voted, that the Subscriptions for enclosing the grave yard be now closed.

Voted, that the Benches in the alley be disposed of this year as the Select Men shall determine.

Voted, that the same Select Men be continued, viz: Peter Winn and James McCollough, Esq'r, and Messrs. John Osgood, Lazarus Mallard and Thos. Mell in the room of Thos. Stevins, Esq'r, deceased.

Voted, that John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

Voted, that Peter Winn, Esq'r, and Mr. John Mell be precentors.

Voted, that Mr. Lazarus Mallard be appointed to keep clean the meeting house, and to

have the Bell rung on Sabbaths and at funerals.

Voted, that the Salaries of our minister, and officers be the same this year as the last, and that Mr. Mallard be allowed in addition for ringing the bell. Ten dollars.

Voted, That the same pews be set apart, as usual for Singers.

Voted, that what glass remains of building the Meeting house, after reserving what the Select Men may judge necessary for repairs, be given for the use of the Newport Academy.

Voted, that the practice of bringing fire arms to church be discontinued: and that the Select Men be indemnified by this Society in case they are fined for neglecting to search. Entered by Order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 9th, 1803. Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair.

After the incorporation act, and the articles of the church and Society were read by the clerk, proceeded to elect by ballot, five Select Men. When Peter Winn, James McCollough, John Osgood, Lazarus Mallard and Samuel Spencer were elected.

Voted, 1. That John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

2d. That Lazarus Mallard be continued to keep clean the Meeting house, and have the bell

rung as usual.

3. That Peter Winn and John Mell be precentors.

4. That our Minister's Salary be the same as it was the last year, viz: Six hundred Dollars.

5. That the clerk's salary and that of the other officers be the same as they were the last year.

Voted, 6th. That the Singers sit up stairs as usual.

7. That a Subscription be opened for the purpose of painting the meetinghouse and painting, glazing, and other repairs to the parsonage. Entered by Order. JOHN STACY, Clerk,

Annual Meeting, March 14th, 1804. Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair.

Voted, that persons under age may be admitted to sign our articles.

Elected by ballot, Messrs. Peter Winn, James McCullough, Lazarus Mallard, John Osgood and Samuel Spencer, Select Men.

Voted, that Lazarus Mallard keep clean the meeting house, and have the bell rung as usual.

Voted, that Peter Winn and John Mell be Precentors.

Voted, that the salaries of the above officers be the same as last year.

Voted, that the salary of our Minister be raised.

Voted, that Two hundred dollars be added to the salary of our minister so as to make it eight hundred dollars.

Voted, that in order to raise the two hundred dollars in addition to our minister's salary, the seats in the meeting house be rated one third higher.

Voted, that Mr. James McCullough be allowed his seats in the meeting house for his services this year past, and also the same, for the present ensuing year.

Voted, that a subscription be opened for the purpose of making a new spring.

Voted, that the Subscription for painting the meeting house and repairing Parsonage be kept open until our next annual meeting.

And, that the pews No. 2, 3, and 4 in the Gallery be set apart for the singers of Treble, 5 and 6 for Tenor, and 7, 8 and 9 for Bass. Entered by Order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 13th, 1805. Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair.

Occasional Meeting, June 27, 1805. The said meeting having been notified two preceding Sabbaths, for the purpose of reconsidering a resolution of the church, acted on above twelve months "debaring from the ordinance of baptism the children of such as do not come to the ordinance of the Lord's supper;" the said resolution having occasioned dissatisfaction to a number of the congregation.

Rev'd Cyrus Gildersleeve, moderator.

Question proposed. Shall baptism be administered to all such children, as application may be made for? Answered in the Negative-unanimous.

Question. Shall baptism be confined to the children of such as come to the Lord's supper? Answered in the Negative - 16 to 8.

The following resolution was then proposed and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, that all persons who have themselves been baptised, shall, on their applying for it, have that ordinance administered to their children upon their faith in Christ, and subjecting themselves and their children to the care, watch, and discipline of the church, to be dealt with in the same manner as those who come to the ordinance of the Lord's supper. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 12th, 1806.

Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair. The act of incorporation and the articles of the church being

read, proceeded to the election of officers, when Messrs. Peter Winn, Lazarus Mallard, John Osgood, Sen'r, John Mallard and Thos. Bacon, Jun'r., were chosen select men, John Stacy, clerk to keep the records, and Lazarus Mallard to keep clean the meeting house and to have the bell rung.

Voted, that Peter Winn and Thos. Bacon, Jun'r, be precentors.

Voted, that the minister's salary and that of the officers be the same this year as they were the last.

That the subscriptions for painting meeting house, and repairing parsonage, be still kept open.

That the Clerk give notice, by advertisement, that all notes for pew rent due, that are not paid on the first of May next, will be put in suit.

Resolved, that when different heirs to one right rake up seats thereon, the whole right shall be forfeited, in case any one of them neglect to pay up their note or notes for the same. Entered by order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 11th, 1807.

Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair. The act of incorporation, and articles being first read. Peter Winn, Lazarus Mallard, Thos. Bacon, Jun'r, John Mallard and Wm. Fleming were elected Select Men for the ensuing year, and John Stacy appointed Clerk to keep the records, and Thomas Mallard to keep clean the meeting house and to have the bell rung.

Voted, that Peter Winn and Thos. Bacon, Jun'r, be precentors, and that the salary of our minister and that of the officers, be the same as they were the last year.

Voted, that the subscription for repairing the parsonage, etc., be continued open.

Voted, that subscriptions be opened for the purpose of enclosing the burying ground with a brick wall, and that James Powell, Daniel Stewart and Peter Winn, be a committee to contract with some person or persons, on the faith of the subscriptions, to undertake to enclose the same. Entered by order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 9th, 1808.

Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair. The act of incorporation and articles of agreement being read, proceeded to the choice of Select Men, when Peter Winn, Lazarus Mallard, William Fleming, Thomas Bacon, Jun'r, and John Mallard, were duly elected. John Stacy elected to keep the records. Thomas Mallard appointed to keep clean the meeting house and to have the bell rung.

Voted, that Peter Winn and Thomas Bacon be continued precentors.

Voted, that the Salary of our minister and also those of the other officers, be the same as they were the last year.

Voted, that the pews below stairs Nos. 20, 30 and 31, be let out to singers.

The committee appointed last annual meeting to contract for enclosing the burying ground.

Reported, that in pursuance of the powers in them vested, subscriptions were opened and the sum of seventeen hundred and eighty dollars subscribed, of which has been received, six hundred and eighty five dollars and seventy-eight cents; the existing embarrassments to commence, your committee are of opinion, has prevented in a great degree a much larger sum being paid, but should the present difficulties be removed, a confident hope is entertained, that the subscriptions now due will be discharged, and such further sum subscribed as will enable your committee to comply not only with their own wishes, but those of a number of their fellow citizens in the completion of this laudable and necessary understanding.

From the annexed estimate of the expences which will be incident to the design, it appears that the further sum of eight hundred and twenty dollars will be necessary; your committee therefore recommend that they be authorized to continue the subscriptions open until the sum required is obtained.

Your committee cannot conclude without observing that they should feel themselves wanting in respect, as well to individuals, as the Society generally, were they to withhold that tribute of applause so justly due to a number of persons, for the great liberality with which they have patronized the undertaking; and which should not now be suffered to remain stationary from a want of funds.

They therefore hope there will not be any occasion for personal applications to those that have not yet contributed, but that such will voluntarily promote the design, by any pecuniary aid which may be in their power, and the necessity of the case may require.

Estimate of the expences which will be incident to the enclosure of the Cemetary of this place.

150,000 Bricks at \$ 10 per M.	
150,000 Bricks at \$ 10 per M.	\$ 1,500.
2,000 Bushels Lime at 25 cents	500.
Laying 150,000 Bricks at \$ 4 per M.	600.
Deduct amount subscribed.	1,780.
	<u>\$ 820.</u>

Leaving the further sum of eight hundred and twenty dollars to be raised.

Voted, that subscriptions for the above be continued open. On motion Mr. Powell.

Voted, that William Fleming and Thomas Bacon, Jun'r, be added to that committee, Entered by order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Peter Winn, Esq'r, in the chair. The act of incorporation and articles being first read proceeded to elect five Select Men and, on counting the votes it appeared that Messrs. Peter Winn, Lazarus Mallard, William Fleming, Thos. Bacon, Jun'r, and John Mallard were duly elected.

Voted, that John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

Voted, that John Mallard be appointed to keep clean the meetinghouse and have the bell rung as usual.

Voted, that Peter Winn and Thomas Bacon, Jun'r, be precentors.

Voted, that the salaries of the officers be the same as last year.

Voted, that the salary of our minister be eight hundred dollars.

Voted, that the pews No. 20, 30 and 31 be reduced in price one dollar per seat and appropriated to singers as done last year, and that twelve and one half cents be added to the price of all other seats below stairs to make up any deficiency occasioned by said reduction.

And that subscriptions for enclosing burying ground be still continued open. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 14th, 1810.

Mr. Lazarus Mallard, Chairman.

Voted, that Lazarus Mallard, John Mallard, Thos. Mallard, William Fleming and John Osgood be Select Men.

That, John Stacy be clerk to keep the records.

That, John Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

That, John S. Quarterman and Oliver Stevens be precentors.

That, the salaries of the above officers, and also that of our ministers, be the same this year as they were the last.

And, that, the pews Nos. 20, 29, and 31 be appropriated to singers, at the deduction of one dollar on each seat from the original rates.

Mr. Powell moved the following resolution, which was agreed to, viz:

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to prepare a petition to be presented in behalf of the Society of Midway in Liberty county, to the Legislation of this State at their next session, praying that a Law may be enacted, authorizing certain persons within the county to be by them appointed commissioners to raise the sum of fifteen hundred dollars by Lottery for the sole and exclusive purpose of defraying the expense incident to the Workmanship and some of the materials for a brick wall for enclosing the cemetery at Midway meeting house.

That the members from this county be severally furnished with an official copy of this reso-

lution, and that they be requested to use their best endeavours to have the law passed as early in the Session as may be practicable, and that a certified copy of this resolution be annexed to the petition.

Voted, that John Elliott, James Powell and Daniel Stewart be that committee. Entered by order.
JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Occasional Meeting, February 6th, 1811, the same having been advertised two preceding Sabbaths, for the purpose of adopting measures to get a minister of the Gospel to supply the place of the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve, who has made known his intentions to remove to the north the ensuing spring.

Mr. L. Mallard Chairman: — Voted, that the business of this meeting be postponed to Wednesday, the 27th February, inst., and that the clerk notify the same by advertisement. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

(Copy of Communication from the Rev'd C. Gildersleeve.)

MY DEAR BRETHREN:

I have to communicate only that which must already be known to you in an individual capacity, that is, my expectation of a permanent removal, in the ensuing spring, from the dear people of my charge, with whom my best days have been spent, and my union to whom hath become strong by the growth of many days. My one and only reason for

this arrangement is that I may be with my dear children and have them in a healthy clime. Whether the reason be sufficient or not, before God, is more than I am able positively to determine. It has been the subject of many sober thoughts for some months past, and it seems to be one of those cases, in which the path of duty is less plain than I could desire. I would have been willing to have deferred this communication a few weeks longer but it being possible that you may desire to take immediate steps to obtain a supply that there may be no intermission in the ordinances of religion among you, have judged it proper to delay no longer. While doubts whether my own health will be as good in another climate, in connection with the consideration of the many strong ties that must be broken by a removal, compel me to hesitate; it is my desire that you will neglect no measures that may seem meet to your wisdom to procure a gospel minister; for I cannot at this time promise a continuance with you. May heaven direct in answer to your prayers, and bless you in a matter so important to your religious welfare. I am with great regard your brother and obedient servant in a precious Christ.

CYRUS GILDERSLEEVE

The Select Men of Midway Church and Society.

Occasional Meeting, February 27, 1811.

The same having been advertised two preceding Sabbaths, notifying the postponement of the business of the past meeting to this day, being the day to receive pew rent.

The meeting being first opened by singing a psalm and prayer, Lazarus Mallard was appoint-

ed chairman.

The business postponed at the last meeting taken up: — Voted, that a committee of five persons be appointed to wait on the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve, and request from him a final answer whether he will or will not agree to return to us the next fall as our stated minister. Committee appointed, viz: John Stevins, James E. Morris, John Winn, Wm. Fleming and John Osgood. The committee returned in half an hour and reported as follows, viz: Your committee has waited on the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve and are instructed by him to offer his thanks to this society for this last token of approbation, and to say that he declines to agree to return to us the next fall as our stated minister, but is disposed (should the door be left open) to continue with us until the middle of May or June next, and to give timely notice of his determination, in case he shall conclude to remain at the North, for us to engage some other minister to supply his place the ensuing fall.

The following resolution was then proposed, viz: Resolved, that the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be continued our minister, and that his absence be supplied by the Rev'd Mr. Murphy. Negative.

The following was then proposed, viz: Resolved, that a call be given to the Rev'd Mr. Murphy to officiate as minister of his church for the ensuing year ending on the second Wednesday in March, 1812. Carried in the affirmative, 28 to 13. Attended to receiving pew rent as usual. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 13th, 1811.

Lazarus Mallard, Chairman. Voted, that the same Select Men be continued this year as were the last, with the addition of James Powell in the room of John Mallard, deceased.

That John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

That John Quarterman and Oliver Stevins be precentors.

That Thomas Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung as usual.

That the salaries of the above officers be the same as last year.

That the salary of our minister this year (the Rev'd Mr. Murphey) be eight hundred dollars as heretofore.

A considerable part of the Society being dissatisfied with the Rev'd Mr. Murphey as their stated minister, and fearing that this might occasion a division in the society, it was proposed:

That the Select Men take timely measures to procure a minister from Scotland to officiate in this church for the year commencing on the second Wednesday in March, 1812, which was agreed to by a large majority.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Murphey be allowed two seats in the pew No. 21 for his family.

That the same pews be appropriated and reserved for singers on the same terms as were the last year.

That all notes now due for pew rent, that are not paid by the first of May next, be put in suit, and that the clerk give notice thereof by advertisement.

That a subscription be immediately opened to raise a fund for the purpose of repairing the Parsonage house, and aiding in the discharge of arrearage due the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve for last year's salary, and that the first money collected be applied to the later object.

It being understood that the year for which the Rev'd Mr. Murphey engaged on Canouchee, will not expire until the 1st or 2d week in April next, it was voted unanimously —

That the Rev'd Mr. Gildersleeve be requested to continue to preach to us until that time.

The following resolution was also proposed and adopted by a majority:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Lottery, granted by the Legislature for the erection of a wall around the burying ground at Midway meeting house is expedient, and ought to meet with the encouragement of this Society,
Entered by order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Occasional Meeting, May 6th, 1811.

The same having been advertised two preceding Sabbaths, for the purpose of Reconsidering the vote passed at the last annual meeting requiring the Select Men to take timely measures to procure a minister from Scotland, and also, to consider in what manner a fund, shall be raised to enclose the burying ground, Lazarus Mallard in the chair, the following resolutions were proposed, viz:

1st. Whereas, by a vote of this Society at their last annual meeting, the Select Men were directed to take timely measures to procure a minister from Scotland to officiate in this church for the year commencing on the second Wednesday in March, 1812, and, it appearing inexpedient at this time, that such measures be carried into effect; therefore.

Resolved, that the Select Men do, for the present, suspend the application. Agreed.

2d. Whereas, the lottery granted, by the Legislature of this State for the purpose of enclosing, with a Brick wall, the burying ground at Midway meeting house, is not likely to be carried into effect, and is believed to be impractical; therefore,

Resolved, that a subscription be immediately opened to raise a sum sufficient for that purpose. Agreed.

3d. Resolved, that the commissioners appointed to carry into effect the said lottery receive

the thanks of this society for their exertions; and that they be remunerated, out of the fund for enclosing the burying ground, for any expenses they may have incurred thereby. Agreed. Entered by order.
JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 11th, 1812.

James Powell, Esq'r, chairman — Voted, that the same Select Men be continued, with the addition of Robert Quarterman in the room of L. Mallard, resigned.

Voted, that John Stacy be continued clerk.

Voted, that O. Stevins and J. S. Quarterman be precentors.

Voted, that Thos. Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung as usual.

Voted, that the salaries of the above officers be the same as last year.

Voted, that the salary of our minister be eight hundred dollars.

Voted, that the Rev'd M. Murphey be continued our minister.

Voted, that as the seats rented last year have not produced a sum sufficient to pay the above salaries, one eighth be now added to the present rate of seats.

Voted, that the same seats be reserved for

singers as were the last year.

Voted, that three seats in pew No. 30 be appropriated to the use of our minister.

Voted, that the Rev'd M. Murphy have leave of absence for two months, and that a deduction be made from his salary for such absence, not otherwise supplied, and that preaching two Sabbaths in three shall be considered a supply for that time.

Resolved, that the committee appointed for the enclosure of the burial ground, be authorized to enter into any engagement that they may think proper for the purpose of carrying into immediate effect the object for which they were appointed, and that the society will be bound by any such engagement. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 10th, 1813.

William Fleming, Esq'r, chairman. Select Men elected, viz: Wm. Fleming, John Osgood, James Powell, Robt. Quarterman and Thos. Mallard.

Voted, that John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

Oliver Stevins, John McGowan and Josiah Wilson, elected Precentors.

Voted, that Thomas Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

Voted, that the salaries of the above offi-

cers be continued the same as they were last year.

Voted, that the Rev'd Mr. Murphey be continued our minister and allowed the same salary as last year.

That the same pews be appropriated to singers as were the last year, with the deduction of one dollar from each seat, as now rated:

And that John Elliott, Esq., be added to the committee for enclosing the burying ground, in the room of Peter Winn, Esq'r., resigned.

Entered by Order. JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 9th, 1814.
James Powell, esquire in the chair.

Voted, that the select men for the year past be continued for this year.

That John Stacy be continued clerk to keep the records.

That Messrs. O. Stevins, J. S. Quarterman, and J. McGowen be choristers.

That Mr. Thomas Mallard continue to keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

That the salaries of the above officers be the same as they were the last year.

That the Rev'd Mr. Murphey be continued

our minister and be allowed the same salary as last year;

That no deduction be made from the Rev'd. Mr. Murphey's salary for the time he was absent last year;

And, that the same pews be appropriated to singers, as were the last year, with the same deduction in price.

The following Resolutions were then proposed and adopted, viz:

1st. Resolved, that the Select Men be authorized and empowered to keep the North and West doors of the meeting house shut during the time of divine service whenever they may deem such measures necessary.

2d. Whereas, the public worship of this house has been too often interrupted by unnecessary noise in entering the same; Resolved, that the Select Men be, and they are hereby requested to use their best exertions for the maintenance of due order and respect, during the public exercises of this place. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 8th, 1815.

James Powell, Esq'r, in the chair.

Voted, that the same Select Men be continued;

That the same Clerk be continued;

That the same Choristers be continued;

That Mr. T. Mallard continue to keep clean the meeting house.

That the salaries of the above officers be continued the same as last year.

That the Rev'd Mr. Murphy be continued our pastor and that his salary be the same as heretofore;

That the pews appropriated for singers last year be appropriated for that purpose this year;

That on Sacramental occasions the Psalms shall be sung by giving out the lines.

Resolved, that it shall henceforth be the duty of parents to furnish the clerk, in writing, with the dates of the births and baptisms, and also the names of their children respectively, that may be born within our society, as soon thereafter as may be convenient, in order that the same may be recorded by him more correctly than otherwise is practicable.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the practicability of making such a disposition of the Glebe land, either by exchange or otherwise, so as to procure some other that shall be more advantageous to our minister; and that they report at the next annual meeting. The committee to consist of Messrs. John Osgood,

Thomas Mallard and John Stacy, Entered by order.
JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 13th, 1816.
Mr. Powell in the chair.

Voted, that the same Select Men be continued with the exception of Mr. John Elliott in the room of Capt. Robt. Quarterman, removed out of the country.

That John Stacy be continued clerk;

That Messrs. O. Stevins, J. S. Quarterman and J. McGowen be continued choristers.

That the Select Men be authorized to employ some person to keep clean the meeting house and ring the bell as heretofore.

That the salaries of the above officers be the same as they were last year;

That the Rev'd Mr. Murphey be continued our minister and that his salary be the same as last year, viz: 800 dollars;

And, that the same pews be appropriated to singers as were the last year, with the same deduction in price.

Whereas, the present state of the wall around the grave yard is insecure and liable to premature decay from the badness of the bricks with which it is constructed;

Resolved, that the committee be instructed, and they are hereby authorized to have the same plastered on both sides, and that they call on all persons in default on subscription for this purpose, and should the amount so collected be insufficient for the accomplishment of the work, to open a new subscription to raise such deficiency.

Resolved, that the Select Men be and they are hereby authorized to open a subscription for repairing and painting the meeting house.

Resolved, that the select men be authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of the Glebe land held by this church and society and to purchase, in lieu, thereof, for the use of our minister, the plantation owned by Gen'l Stewart, on Goshen swamp, provided the disposal of the Glebe plantation will enable them to pay for the other.

Resolved, that it shall henceforth be the duty of parents, and they are hereby requested to furnish the clerk, in writing, on the annual meeting of the church and society at this place, with the dates of all births and baptisms, and also the names of their children respectively, that may be born within our society, that the same may be recorded by him. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 12th, 1817.

Mr. Fleming in the chair.

The following persons were elected Select

Men, viz: Wm. Fleming, Thomas Mallard, John Elliott, M. Andrews and Jos. Wilson.

Voted, that Mr. John Stacy be continued clerk.

Voted, that Mr. Bigelow be chorister.

Voted, that Mr. Thos. Mell keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

Voted, that the salaries of the above officers be the same as heretofore.

Voted, that the Rev'd M. Murphey be continued our minister; and that his salary be the same as last year.

Voted, that an assessment of 75 cents on each seat in the meeting house, in addition to the present rates, be made for the purpose of raising the sum of two hundred dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Select Men for procuring such a Liberty as this sum may enable them, and to be given to the present minister.

Annual Meeting, March 12th, 1817, continued. Voted, that Subscriptions for plastering the wall around the burying ground be kept open; that subscriptions for repairing and painting the meeting house be also kept open. Entered by order.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March 11th, 1818.

Wm. Fleming, Esquire, in the chair.

Voted, that the Select Men appointed last year be continued; that John Stacy, Esq., be continued clerk; that Messrs. N. Varnedoe and Sam'l Jones, Jun'r, be elected choristers; that the Rev'd M. Murphey be continued our minister; that Mr. Thomas Mell be appointed to have the church kept clean and the bell rung as heretofore; that the salaries of the church officers, the minister excepted, be the same as last year; that Mr. Murphey's Salary be Eight Hundred Dollars; that the same seats be appropriated for singers that were used for that purpose last year; that a new subscription be opened for the purpose of defraying the expenses of repairing and painting the meeting house payable within ten days from this date.

E. BAKER, Clerk pro tempore.

Occasional Meeting, 28th April, 1818.
John Elliott, Esquire, in the chair.

The members of the congregation convened agreeably to an advertisement of the Select Men for the purpose of electing a Clerk in the place of John Stacy, Esquire, deceased, when Mr. Thomas Mallard was duly elected to fill the vacancy; and on his refusing to serve, the business was postponed to some future day, to be appointed by the Select Men.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz: Whereas, it is necessary that every person applying for admission to the ordinance of the Lord's supper should previously to his admission thereto, be acquainted with the fundamental doctrines of our holy religion; and whereas, many of

our negroes who appear to be very desirous of participating in this holy ordinance, are nevertheless deplorably deficient in that religious knowledge so very desirable. Resolved, that for their improvement, and if possible of their attaining this knowledge, the Deacons and Select Men be requested to procure and engage such number of persons as they may think proper, and may be found willing to learn, and who shall for this purpose, regularly meet at such places and so often as the persons so engaged, together with the Deacons and Select Men may think most proper and expedient.

E. BAKER, Clerk pro tempore.

Occasional Meeting, 11th May, 1818.

Wm. Fleming, Esquire, in the chair.

The Church and Society convened for the purpose of electing a Clerk. On examining the votes, it was found that John Winn was unanimously elected.

E. BAKER, Clerk pro. tempore.

Annual Meeting of the Midway Church and Society, Mch. 10, 1819.

John Elliott, Esquire, in the chair.

Messrs. Fleming, Elliott, Mallard and Josiah Wilson, were chosen Select Men for the ensuing year.

John Winn continued Clerk.

Messrs. John S. Quarterman and Fields were chosen Choristers.

Mr. Thomas Mallard was chosen to keep the meeting house in suitable order, and have the bell regularly rung.

Resolved, that the seats numbered 20, 29 and 31, be reserved for the singers.

Resolved, that the salaries of the Choristers, Clerk and that of the persons to attend to the meeting house and bell, be the same they were the past year.

A communication was received from the Rev. M. Murphey, signifying his intention of leaving the State, and consequently, declining to be chosen the pastor of the Church, for the ensuing year. After reading of which it unanimously resolved, that Mr. Murphey be the pastor of the church for the ensuing six months; also, that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Rev'd Mr. Murphey, relative to his intentions thus communicated, and to ascertain whether he will not agree to continue pastor of the Midway Church, and that the said committee be authorized to call a meeting of the church and society, on this subject, within one month from their appointment.

Resolved, that the chairman appoint such committee. Whereupon Messrs. Dunwody, Mallard, and J. Winn were appointed.

Resolved, that the salary of the pastor of the Midway church be for the ensuing year, one thousand dollars.

Resolved, that 75 cents be assessed on each seat in the meeting house, for the purpose of raising the additional sum of two hundred dollars.

The choice of seats for the ensuing year was then attended to.

JOHN WINN, Clerk.

Sabbath, 14th March, 1819.

Occasional Meeting of the Midway Church and Society, called by the Committee appointed to consult with the Rev'd M. Murphey respecting his intention of declining a residence in the church and society.

The committee reported a further communication for the Rev'd M. Murphey, in which he stated briefly his firm determination and wish to spend the remaining part of his days with the Midway Church and Society; provided they would allow him the privilege of visiting his friends, six or eight weeks, once in every two years, and this absence to be at that season of the year when the Church and Society are at their respective summer retreats.

Resolved, that the Rev'd M. Murphey be the pastor of the Midway Church and Society for the ensuing year, and that the privilege asked for, to visit his friends, etc., be granted him.

JOHN WINN.

Annual Meeting, 8th March, 1820.

Thomas Mallard, Esq'r, in the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected selectmen, viz: John Elliott, Josiah Wilson, Joseph Law, Thomas Mallard, and John S. Quarterman.

John Winn elected clerk and John S. Quarterman, Jedediah Field and Nathaniel Varnedoe elected Choristers.

Resolved, that the pews No. 20, 21 and 30 be appropriated to the Singers.

That Thos. Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

That the salaries of the officers be the same as last year.

That Mr. Murphey be continued our minister, salary one thousand dollars.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, one of the committee on the burying ground, ordered that Col. Law and Messrs. J. Coleman and James Williams be a committee to examine and value the work done by Mr. Maloney on the wall of the burying ground, and that the said committee be paid a reasonable compensation for their said services.

On motion ordered, that the former committee on the burying ground be discharged; and that the final adjustment of that concern devolve on the Select men.

JOS. WILSON, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, 14th March, 1821.
Col. Joseph Law in the chair.

Voted, that the select men of last year be continued; Josiah Wilson elected clerk; Mr. N. Varnedoe, Mr. J. Field elected choristers and Mr. Mallard to keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

That the Rev'd M. Murphey be our pastor for the present year, with a salary the same as last year; that the salaries of the other officers be continued the same as last year.

Report from Col. Law and others on the subject of the burying ground, was received, and on motion to agree to it was lost.

Voted, that a subscription be opened for repairing the Meeting House.

That the select men be the judges of the amount to be paid to the representatives of Mr. Maloney for work done to the wall of the burying ground by him.

JOS. WILSON, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, 13th March, 1822.

Col. Joseph Law, chairman,

The transaction of the last Annual Meeting being read, the society proceeded to choose their select men for the present year.

Voted, that those of last year be continued, with the addition of one in the room of Josiah Wilson, the present clerk, when Mr. Jno. O. Baker was un-animously elected.

Voted, that Josiah Wilson be continued clerk to keep the records.

That Cap. Quarterman and Mr. N. Varnedoe be choristers;

That Thomas Mallard keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

A communication was received and read from Rev'd M. Murphey expressing his desire to leave this church in the fall of the present year, unless his removal at that time would be clearly a disadvantage to the church.

On motion to ballott for a minister for the present year the votes were as follows: For Rev'd R. Quarterman, 8; for Rev'd M. Murphey, 33.

On motion of Col. Law, the following resolution was adopted, viz: Whereas, by a large majority the Rev'd Mr. Murphey has this day been elected minister of Midway Church for the present year, wherefore,

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to inform him of it, and to inquire whether it is his disposition to continue the minister of this people, and should he answer in the affirmative, the duty of the committee will then cease; but should he consider it his duty to leave us, the committee will therefore at once call a meeting of the Society and inform them of the same, that steps may be taken to procure some other in his place.

Voted, that Col. Law, Jno. Elliott, Thos. Mallard, and Jno. O. Baker be this committee to carry into effect the foregoing resolution.

Voted, that the salary of our minister be the same as last year, and also those of the other officers.

A Report from the Select Men on the subject of the burying ground was received and read, which was as follows:

Midway Church, March 8th, 1822.

In consequence of the discharge of the former committee for carrying into effect the plastering of the wall inclosing the burying ground at Midway Church, and the final agreement of that concern made to devolve upon the Select Men by a resolution of the 8th of March, 1820, we, a part of said Select Men, in pursuance of said resolution met this day at said burying ground, for the purpose of carrying into effect the said last mentioned resolution, but after due reflection feel unwilling to take upon ourselves the entire responsibility, but prefer making a fair statement of the case to the Society at large, and leave it with them to say how it should be disposed of.

From papers now in the clerk's hand, we find that Mr. Malony was to receive 31 1/2 cents per square yard for plastering the wall when completed in a neat and substantial manner, and in order to enable him to pay off his hands during the progress of the work, the committee agreed

to pay him forty dollars a month until the whole shall be finished in the manner above stated. And in consequence of this provision, it appears from receipts given by said Malony to Major Winn, the clerk then in office, that he received of several different times to the amount of one hundred and eighty dollars.

The amount of unsettled orders drawn by said Malony on the committee in favor of sundry persons, \$ 165.

The amount of burying ground funds now in the clerk's hands is \$ 230, leaving a balance in favor of burying ground funds, should the said orders be honored, of \$ 64. 90.

Voted, that the order be paid.

Voted, that the Society approve of the present contract made by the Select Men with Mr. Coleman for repairing the wall of the burying ground and by which they agree to pay him, the said Coleman, for said work, one hundred and twenty five dollars and find the materials.

Voted, that the subscriptions for repairing the meeting house and burying ground be continued open.

Voted, that after repairing meeting house and burying ground, the funds (if any) to be applied to painting the pews in said meeting house.

Voted, that the Select Men be impowered

to contract with some person to digest and record the unrecorded papers of this Society.

JOSIAH WILSON, Clerk.

Occasional Meeting, July 23, 1823.

Agreeably to public notice, the church and society convened at Midway Meeting House, for the purpose of ascertaining the mind of said society as to the most suitable person to fill the place of the Rev'd M. Murphey, who had signified his intentions to leave us after the expiration of the present year.

Gen'l Stewart in the chair. After prayers by the Rev'd Mr. Murphey, the society proceeded to the business of the day, and after mature reflection, on motion of Col. Joseph Law, it was decided unanimously that the Rev'd Robert Quarterman would be a suitable person to fill the place of Mr. Murphey, and that the officers of the church notify him of this decision.

JOSIAH WILSON, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, March, 1823.

Col. Jos. Law, chairman.

Voted, that the same select men be continued.

Voted, that Mrs. E. Winn keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

Voted, that Josiah Wilson be continued clerk.

Voted, that the salaries of the different officers be the same as last year.

Voted, that the subscription for completing the repairs of the meeting house be kept open.

Voted, that the painting of the pulpit, as to the color, be left with the Select Men.

Voted, that Pew No. 25 be appropriated to the minister's family.

Voted, that the Rev'd Robert Quarterman be our Minister for the present year. Entered by order. JOS. WILSON, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, 11th March, 1824.
Col. Law, chairman.

The act of incorporation and articles of the church being read, proceeded to elect the different officers of the church.

Voted, that the Select Men be the same as last year.

Voted, that Mrs. E. Winn keep clean the meeting house and have the bell rung.

Voted, that Josiah Wilson be continued recording clerk.

Voted, the Choristers be the same.

Voted, that the salary of the minister be

eight hundred dollars. That the Rev'd R. Quarterman be our pastor.

Voted, that the salary of the different officers of the church be the same as last year except the minister.

Voted, that the Select Men are authorized to raise a subscription for making up the arrearages due by the church. JOS. WILSON, Clerk.

Occasional Meeting, August 21, 1824.

Major Josiah Wilson having vacated the clerk's office, John W. Stacy was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Annual Meeting of the Church and Society in March, 1825.

Gen'l Stewart in the chair.

After reading the articles of incorporation, the Select Men reported that they have only collected two dollars, on subscription for paying up arrearages due by this church and Society. The Society then proceeded to appoint officers of the church, viz:

Select men same as last year, that is, Thos. Mallard, J. O. Baker, John Elliott, Jos. Law, Sen'r, and John S. Quarterman.

Voted, that Mrs. E. Winn clean the house and ring the bell.

That John W. Stacy be continued clerk; that salary for minister be \$ 800; salary of all the other officers be the same as last year.

J. S. Quarterman and N. Varnadoe, choristers; that Rev. Robert Quarterman be continued minister.

On motion, Mr. Mallard and Col. Law appointed a committee to inform Rev. R. Quarterman of his re-election to the pastoral care of this church.

Voted, that a committee be appointed to make exertions to procure a place for Mr. Quarterman near the church, and that the Select Men be that committee, and that the said committee have full power to bargain, sell, or trade in any manner which they may think best for the interest of the Society.

Whereas, it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of the plastering, and to prevent further injury to the church, that the necessary repairs be immediately done;

Resolved, that Mr. Dunwody, Col. Law and Mr. Mallard be a committee to obtain a subscription for work or money and carry the design into effect.

JOHN STACY, Clerk.

END OF VOL. I.

Articles and Rules of Incorporation Agreed Upon by a
Society Settled Upon Midway and Newport in Georgia.

28th of August, 1754.

We, the subscribers, settled on Midway and Newport in Georgia; being sensible of the advantages of good order and social agreement, among any people, both for their Civil and Religious Benefit; and especially its necessity among us as a Christian Society, being mostly a dissenting or congregational church, that doth not ordinarily come under all the privileges of the establishment; and being willing to lay a foundation by the Blessing of God of peace and harmony among ourselves, and inoffensiveness to all our neighbors, and considering the necessity of forming ourselves into a corporation, by ends proposed; do accordingly come under the following articles of agreement, jointly among and with each other;

I. We promise that we will each of us cheerfully contribute a reasonable part, according to our ability and circumstances, for the support of a standing Ministry of the Gospel and its ordinances among us, viz: By assisting in the building or necessary repairs of a meeting house or place of public worship; and raised a suitable salary for such Minister or Ministers as shall at any time be chosen and settled among us, or any other expences that may be needful for the due support and comfortable enjoyment of Gospel Ordinance.

II. ' In order to this, and for the better management of our publick affairs, we agree to meet annually at our usual Place of Meeting for Public Worship, on the second Wednesday of every March (or if prevented by Rain or otherwise, upon some other day in the same month to be occasionally appointed by such person or persons as shall be deputed thereto) to consult about the necessary business of the Society.

III. We agree that in these, or other occasional meetings (said occasional Meetings being publicly advertised, or notified in our congregations two preceding Sabbaths before the day appointed) every common matter of a Secular Nature shall be determined by a majority of Voices or Votes of such convened persons of the Society, who according to their circumstances and capacities, both have been, and continue to be, supporters of, and attenders on a Gospel Ministry among us, and who are agreeable to these our articles of agreement, members of our Society. But in things more immediately respecting religion, such as judging of the soundness, Orthodoxy and due qualifications of ministers, and consequently in the approbation and choice of such as shall, or may be settled among us, the members of our church in full communion, being also supporters and attenders as above said, shall have a double vote.

IV. We agree to choose annually, three or more Select Men, more immediately to manage our Public Business, according to the instructions, powers, and restrictions that shall be given them by the Society.

V. We agree that we will annually choose a Clerk, being a Member of the Church in full communion, whose business shall be to keep an exact Record of our determinations and accounts of things secular, in our annual or occasional meetings; and also a Church Book or Record of the Acts and proceedings of the church in things of a Religious Nature; and further more, a record of births, baptisms, marriages and deaths that shall be within our Society, and any other memorable events that may be useful to be transmitted to posterity, in Distinct Books provided by the Society; and that a reasonable consideration be annually allowed to said clerk for his trouble.

VI. Finally, that these Articles may be a standing rule and bond of our Constitution, we agree that they be proposed to our children as they grow up to a capacity of being members and supporters of our Society, and to such other persons as may from time to time be disposed and admitted to incorporate with us; to be also signed by them, and that no person be deemed a member of our Society, so as to have a vote or voice in the determining and manageing our Social Affairs, that doth not also join with us in observing this our agreement, and in Testimony thereof, signing these articles when proposed to them.

Josiah Osgood, Sen'r,
John Baker, Sen'r,
William Quarterman,
Robert Quarterman,
Benjamin Baker,
Parmenas Way,

William Graves,
William Baker, Sen'r,
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Thomas Way,
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James Steuart,
Thomas Sumner,
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Joseph Stevens,
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"OLD WHITE MEETING-HOUSE, DORCHESTER, SOUTH CAROLINA."

Early settlers arrived from Dorchester and Beach Hill, in South Carolina, to Midway and Newport, in Georgia, for inhabitation:

Samuel Bacon and family	Dec. 6, 1752
Benjamin Baker and Family	Dec. 6, 1752
Parmenas Way and family	March 24, 1753
John Stevens and family	Feb. 8, 1754
Richard Spencer and family	March, 1754
Richard Baker and family	March, 1754
Josiah Osgood and family	March 31, 1754
Samuel Way and family	March 31, 1754
John Elliott and family	April 22, 1754
John Quarterman and family	May 2, 1754
Rev. John Osgood and family	June 8, 1754
Sarah Mitchell and family, (from Ponpon.)	Feb. 1754
John Mitchell and family, (from Ponpon.)	Feb, 1754
Samuel Burnley and family,	June 12, 1754
Edward Way and family,	May 2, 1754
Edward Sumner and family	1754
William Baker and family	May 22, 1754
John Shave and family	April 6, 1754
Nathaniel Way and family	1754
John Quarterman, Jr.	1754
Moses Way	1754
Benjamin Andrew and family, (from Ponpon)	May 10, 1754
Thomas Peacock, (from Charlestown.)	March, 1755
John Gorton and family	March 16, 1755
John Winn and family	April 15, 1755
John Lupton and family	April 15, 1755
Joseph Bacon and family	April 20, 1755

Joseph Massey, (from Ponpon.)	1755
Andrew Way and family	May 6, 1755
Isaac Girardeau and family	May 6, 1755
William Graves and family	Feb. 1756
John Stewart, Jun'r and family	Feb. 1756
John Stewart, Sen'r and family	1756
John Graves and family	April 20, 1756
Daniel Donnom and family	April, 1756
Richard Girardeau and family	1757
Samuel Jeans and family	May 12, 1758
*James Andrew and family	March 13, 1758
Lydia Saunders	March 13, 1758
Palmer Goulding and family	Jan. 26, 1759
Jonathan Bacon and family	March 22, 1771
William Norman and family	March 22, 1771
Isham Andrews and family	June 1, 1771

*Grandfather of the late Bishop James Osgood Andrew of the Methodist Episcopal church. (J. S.)

REASONS FOR REMOVAL.

"Our ancestors, having a greater regard to a compact Settlement and Religious Society than future temporal advantages; took up but small tracts of land, many of which, after their Decease, being divided amongst their children, reduced them still to smaller, in consequence of which our lands were generally soon worn out. Few had sufficient for the convenient support and Maintenance of their families, and some none at all, nor likely to get any among us. Young people, as they grew up and settled for themselves, were obliged, for want of lands, to move out from us. Dorchester and Beach Hill, the places where we settled, being also a very sickly part of the country, several persons among us, chiefly for these reasons, seemed very anxious to move out from us, and had several times searched for some other place in Carolina, but could find none capacious and convenient enough for that purpose; notwithstanding which, the same disposition to remove continuing with several, occasioned some serious reflection on the state and circumstances of suitable for the convenient and compact settlement and support of a congregation, could be found to which we might remove, and settle in a body, the Society would, in a few years at most, be dispersed, so as not to be capable of supporting the Gospel among us, especially if we should lose our present pastor, and (which in that case seems not unlikely) be any considerable time without the administration of Gospel ordinances among us — the only circumstances which at present detains many, otherwise quite inclined to re-

move from us. Upon these considerations, a removal of the whole Society seemed advisable; and having heard a good character of the lands in Georgia, 'twas thought proper that some should take a journey to that Colony, and search out some place there conveniently for our purpose, which was accordingly performed at several inquisitions, and issued at length in a tolerable satisfaction as to the place, and a remove hereupon was more generally concluded on.

"On Monday, ye 11th of May, anno 1752, three persons of our Society sett off from Beach Hill for Georgia, to view the lands there; and on Thursday, the 16th, arrived at Medway, the place proposed. After a few days' stay, haveing viewed Medway Swamp, and approving of it, and heard of large Quantitys of good Lands adjoining, they returned home, with an account of what they had heard and seen. Upon which a Disposition to remove seemed to encrease among us, tho' opposed by several, and a Further Search was determined. A petition was also drawn up, and signed by many, to be presented to the Council of Georgia, for a Reserve of a Quantity of Land for us, if approved by the Searchers; and on Monday, ye 15th of June, 1752, five of the said Society sett off for Medway, where they arrived on Thursday, the 25th, and continued their searches till the third of July, and got as good a satisfaction for the time as could be expected, and returned from thence to Savanna with their Petition, and got a Grant of 22,400 acres of land, to be reserved for us eighteen months. From then they returned home on the fourteenth of July, when people were differently affected with

the relation of what they had discovered, and how far they had proceeded. Several used their Endeavours to frustrate the Scheme, notwithstanding which, and Inclination to remove seemed considerably in the Ascendent. Several Persons not included in the former grant were not desirous of joining with us, and a new Petition was drawn up, to which were affixed the names of thirty persons more, and it was determined that another journey should be made to the place, in order to survey the lands already granted, to petition for more, and to make a further search. About the Beginning of August, 1752, six persons sett off by Land, and on the 10th of the same month, Seven more by water, to survey the Lands, and begin Settlements. Those by land caryed in the petition, and got a grant of nine thousand five hundred and fifty acres more of land, and took a further prospect of the place; but, being disappointed in the coming of the Schooner, which was to have met them at the place, on board of which was most of their provisions and their Negroes, they were obliged to return without affecting much there. On the 12th of September, in the evening, they got on board, in order to return, and on the 14th got down to St. Catherine's Island, from whence they intended to have proceeded the next day to Sea; but Providence, happily for them, ordered them a Disappointment, which kept them some day from their purpose, for on the , while they lay in the harbour, there arose a Hurricane, which was in Carolina the most violent that ever was known since the Settlement of the English there, which in many places left not one tree in Twenty standing, and threw down many Buildings. On the 16th, they attempted to put out to sea, but could

not, and therefore went within land to Tibi, where, meeting with high winds, they sailed up to Savanna, where several, leaving the vessel, went home by land; the rest, who remained in her, had a tedious, long passage, and were met by a second hurricane before they got home, but were then also in a safe Harbour. In their passage to Georgia, one negro fell overboard, and was drowned, and those who went up by land had two of their horses drowned in their return. These adverse Providences were very discouraging to most, and brought the affaire of our Removing to a very considerable stand. "

THE MORE SPECIAL TRANSACTIONS.

Sept. 8, 1754, The Lord's Supper was for the first time administered among us.

Dec. 25, 1766. Christmas day, set apart by the Society for their public thanksgiving, for the goodness of God, another year.

April 3, 1767. Set apart for a solemn fasting and humiliation by the Society, before God, on account of his grevous visitation, by sickness and frequent deaths and declining state of the church, entreating that he would sanctify every dispensation—Return by his spirit, revive, quicken, reform and help the members to be more watchful and exemplary and dispose the young to seek the God of their fathers.

April 3, 1767. Mr. John Winn was chosen a constituted deacon in the place of Mr. William Baker deceased.

Aug. 1767. The Rev. James Edmonds arrived with his family, on a call from the Society. His first sermon preached since at Midway, was on Wednesday, 26th day of said months and at the Altamaha the 30 and 31st August, and agreed to supply them once a month for the first year.

Dec. 25, 1867. Observed as a day of thanks giving for the goodness of God another year.

Feb. 14, 1868. Sacrament of the Lord's supper administered, when Mrs. Gilbert of the established church, occasionally partook with us.

Aug. 12, 1769. Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered when Rev. Mr. Osgood, Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Simpson were present.

Aug. 26, 1770. Mr. Vincent Way applied to be admitted to partake occasionally, whose character being enquired into was suspected to be notorious, therefore not admitted.

June 9, 1771. The Rev. Mr. Osgood being in a bad state of health preached but one sermon.

June 16, 1771. Sabbath, was so ill as not to preach at all.

June 17, 1771. Monday, rode in a chaise to Sunbury, went on board a vessel to be carried out upon the salts to which he had been advised by his Physician.

June 21, 1771. Fryday, returning home very ill; very little hope of his ever preaching again entertained by himself and other.

June 26, 1771. The Society met drew up and agreed to a call to be sent to New Jersey for a minister; and agreed to have public worship continued amongst us by Reading sermons on Sabbath.

June 27, 1771. The Rev. Mr. Zubly preached to us.

June 30, 1771. Sabbath, met without a minister as had been agreed.

June 15, 1771. Rev. Mr. Zubly again preached for us, being Monday.

Aug. 18, 1771. Rev. Joachim Zubly preached yesterday, and today administered the Sacrament, at which Mr. Osgood was present.

Sept. 8, 1771. The Rev. Mr. Osgood preached one sermon.

Nov. 17, 1771. The Sacrament administered again by Rev. Mr. Osgood.

Dec. 25, 1771. Thanksgiving.

Mar. 14, 1773. Mr. Gillis preached here Sabbath.

Mar. 19, 1773. Mr. Tennant preached here Fryday.

April 16, 1773. Fryday, Rev. Mr. Piercy preached, also on the 17th at Sunbury — on 18th preached at the Midway meeting house.

April 20, Tuesday — Mr. Zubly preached; on the 25th, Sabbath, Mr. Thomas Hill; May 2, Mr. Eccles preached.

May 5, 1773. Wednesday, was set apart for a day of fasting and prayer and to pursue in order to have the preaching of the gospel continued

among us, with administration of its ordinances; our present Reverend Pastor, being entirely unable to minister now among us, and it does not seem at all likely that he ever will again. A Sermon was read and our Reverend Pastor, Mr. Osgood, made the first prayer, and at the conclusion, gave a short, warm and pathetic exhortation, which he said might be his last (it proved to be so.)

Upon consultation of the church, Parmenas Way, Esq'r, and Benjamin Baker were appointed to write frequently to the College in New Jersey, in behalf of the church, respecting the call then sent for another minister; and some method was proposed for having the gospel in the meantime preached to us.

May, Sabbath	9th.	Mr. Joseph Cook preached to us.
"	" 16th.	Mr. Daniel Roberts.
"	" 23rd.	Mr. William Piercy.
"	" 30th.	Mr. Thos. Hill.
June	" 6th.	Mr. Roberts.
"	" 13th.	Mr. Cook.
"	Fryday 18th.	Mr. Gildersleeve in the forenoon — Mr. Zubly in the afternoon; 20th, Mr. Zubly in the forenoon, Mr. Gildersleeve in afternoon; 27th, Mr. Daniel Roberts.

July 4th. Mr. Jos. Cook; 11th Mr. Hill; 18th, Sabbath, Mr. Hill, all day; 25th, Sabbath, Mr. Roberts.

Aug. 1st, Mr. Zubly; 4th Wednesday, Mr. Zubly, at funeral; 8th, Mr. Cook; 15th, Mr.

Cook; 22d, Mr. Hill; 26th, Thursday, Mr. Hill; 29th, Sabbath, Mr. Hill.

September 5th, Sabbath, Mr. Zubly; 12th, Mr. Roberts; 19th, Mr. Roberts; 26th, Mr. Cook.

October 3, Sabbath, Mr. Cook, also on Wednesday, before; 9th, Saturday, Mr. Zubly; 10th, Sabbath, Mr. Zubly.

Nov. 7th, Mr. Roberts; 14th, Mr. Roberts; 21st, Mr. Hill; 28th, Mr. Hill.

Dec. 5th. Mr. Roberts; 7th, Mr. Zubly.

June 20, 1773. Sacrament administered by Mr. Zubly, at which the Rev. Mr. John Osgood was present and partook, though able to sit up but a small part of the time of service. This was the last time of his attending public worship.

Aug. 3, 1775. Sacrament administered by Rev. Moses Allen.

July 4, 1777. Fryday, Preparatory Sermons were preached by Rev. Mr. Moses Allen.

July 24, 1785. Mr. Abiel Holmes preached to us his farewell sermon, being then about to go to the Northward.

Aug. 14. Mr. McKary preached to us.

Dec. 16. Mr. Holmes returned from the Northward after being ordained to the ministry,

Dec. 16, and preached one sermon the Sabbath after; the next being Christmas, preached two.

Dec. 29, 1785. Thanksgiving sermon preached by Mr. Holmes.

At same time Mr. Thomas Quarterman and Mr. Thomas Stevens were appointed deacons.

Mar. 10, 1786. Fryday, sermons preparatory to the administering the sacrament preached by Rev. Mr. Holmes.

Aug. 6. Rev. Mr. Holmes preached a farewell sermon, and sometime in the said week went on board a vessel bound for Charleston intending to get a passage from thence Northwardly.

Aug. 13. The church was called together to make choice of some person to carry on public worship till the return of Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Thomas Stevens was chosen.

Feb. 9, 1797. Fryday, preparatory sermons preached by Rev. Mr. Moses.

July 4, 1790. Rev. Mr. Holmes preached his farewell sermon on Acts 20, 21, intending going to the Northward for a few months.

Rev. Mr. Holmes returned about the beginning of December.

June 16, 1791, was by this Society set apart as a day of solemn fasting and humiliation

before God on account of the frequent deaths among us, and the declining state of Religion in this church, and also the immoderate showers of rain, which of late have fallen, threatening the destruction of the fruits of the earth, entreating that he would sanctify the dispensations of his providence — return by his spirit, quicken and animate that members of this church to be more watchful and exemplary in their lines, and zealous in the cause of Religion, and also dispose the young to seek the God of their fathers.

On the same day, Mr. William Quarterman was elected Deacon to this church in the Room of that worthy and pious man, Mr. Thomas Quarterman, deceased.

June 21, Tuesday, Mr. Holmes, having previously the day before, acquainted as many of the members as could be conveniently come at, met the church to give his reasons for thus leaving them so abruptly, and also to take his leave of them. His reasons were chiefly the indisposition of Mrs. Holmes and himself. It was then agreed that application be made to the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, of Sunbury, requesting him to attend Sabbath after next, and preparation sermons be preached on the Saturday before.

July 29, 1791. Preparatory sermons preached this day by Rev. Mr. Hitchcock, and the day following the ordinance was administered.

Wednesday, the 6th, was again set apart as a day of prayer, fasting and humiliation before

God on account of his judgment among us; and also to seek direction, and his blessing on the means to be used for the supply of a gospel minister.

Oct. 22, 1791. Preparatory Sermons preached this day, by Rev. Mr. Hitchcock.

Dec. 11, 1791. Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve preached to us the first time.

Dec. 25, 1791. Day of Thanksgiving.

Jan. 20, 1792. Sermons preparatory to the communion preached by Rev. Mr. Hitchcock.

June 30, 1793. Set apart by the church as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, on account of threatening judgments.

Dec. 12, 1793. Kept by this Society as a day of thanksgiving.

Dec. 25, 1794. Observed as a day of thanksgiving.

Jan. 11, 1795. An election for Deacon was held in consequence of the death of Mr. William Quarterman, when William Baker, Sen'r, was chosen.

July 12,. Mr. Gildersleeve preached a farewell sermon, intending to go to the Northward, and Wednesday, 15th, set out for that purpose.

Nov. 20. Mr. Gildersleeve returned from

the Northward.

Nov. 26. Set apart as day of thanksgiving.

Nov. 16, 1796. Set apart by the Society as a day of thanksgiving.

Dec. 2, 1798. An election for deacon, held in this church, in consequence of the death of Mr. William Baker, Sen'r, deceased, when Mr. Peter Winn was chosen to fill that office.

April 25, 1799. Observed by this church and Society in obedience to a proclamation of the president of the U. S., as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

Dec. 25. Wednesday, observed as a day of thanksgiving.

Dec. 31, 1800. Observed as a day of thanksgiving by church and Society.

April 17, 1801. An election was held for a deacon in the room of Thomas Stevens, Esq'r, deceased, when Mr. James McCollough was chosen. He being in Carolina and not expected to return before the administration of the Lord's supper, Mr. John Osgood, Sen'r, was nominated to officiate on that occasion.

July 1, 1801. Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve went to Savannah, intending to sail for New York on a visit. The vessel being detained by contrary winds, he returned and preached to us again on Sunday,

the 12th. The next morning he set out again and sailed from Savannah on that day.

Aug. 17. Mr. Gildersleeve returned from Northward.

Dec. 24. Observed as a day of thanksgiving by the church and Society.

Oct. 31, 1802. Mr. Charles O. Screven, Minister of the Gospel at Sunbury, (of the Baptist church) joined with us in the ordinance of the Lord's supper and also preached in the afternoon.

Dec. 10. Day of fasting, humiliation and thanksgiving.

Feb. 20, 1803. Mr. Hodge, a licensed minister from Kentuckie, joined with us in the communion and preached in the afternoon.

Jan. 29, 1804. Resolved, we have a meeting once a month at the meeting house and that next Wednesday be our first meeting, for the purpose of special prayer to Almighty God, for the outpouring of his spirit in the revival of true religion and piety amongst us and throughout the world.

Nov. 3, 1804. Observed as a day of fasting and humiliation on account of his judgment in destroying our crops by the caterpillar and the late hurricane, and also preparatory to the communion on the day following.

Feb. 23. 1805. Resolved, that it is the duty

of suspended members to apply for restoration to the enjoyment of special ordinances, previous to each celebration of the Lord's supper, or give their reasons for not applying, and that if they neglect to do either, it is the duty of the church to ascertain the reasons of such neglect.

Feb. 24, 1805. The Sacrament of the Lord's supper administered. Mr. Grieves, a member of a Baptist church in Scotland, joined in the celebration thereof.

June 9, 1805. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Mr. Hodge. The sermon forenoon preached by Rev. Mr. Clay and afternoon by Mr. Gildersleeve.

Jan. 1, 1806. The church convened in the Vestry house to elect a deacon in the room of James McCollough, deceased, when Lazarus Mallard was appointed and set apart to that office by prayer.

June 10, 1809. John Stacy elected to the office of deacon in the room of Peter Winn, resigned and joined the Baptist church in Sunbury.

April 28, 1810. Saturday, Preparatory sermon by Rev. Mr. Murphey.

April 29, Sabbath, Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Messrs. Gildersleeve and Murphey.

April 29, 1810. The Rev. Cyrus Gilder-

sleeve delivered a farewell address, intending to go with his family to the North on a visit for a few months.

Nov. 18. Rev. C. Gildersleeve having returned from the North preached this day.

May 24, 1811. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Messrs. Gildersleeve and Murphey.

April 7, 1811. The Rev. Mr. Gildersleeve preached his farewell sermon from Acts. 20, 32.

July 7, 1811. The ordinance administered by Rev. Messrs Murphey and Boggs.

Dec. 17. The male members convened in the Vestry house to determine how often the sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered, and agreed that it be four times in the year, viz: on the first Sabbath in February, May, August and November.

Nov. 23, 1811. Mr. Robert Quarterman elected deacon in the room of Mr. Lazarus Mallard, who declines to serve any longer on account of his bodily infirmities and loss of sight.

Jan. 10, 1812. A sermon by the Rev. Mr. Murphey, this day being observed as a day of fasting, thanksgiving and prayer.

May 12, 1812. The ordinance administered by Rev. Mr. McWhir, Rev. Mr. Murphey being

present but so indisposed as not to be able to officiate.

Aug. 20, 1812. Observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer as recommended by the President of the U. S., to all denominations of Christians throughout the union.

Nov. 1, 1812. Sacrament administered by Rev. Messrs. McWhir and Murphey.

Feb. 14, 1813. Sacrament administered by Messrs. Boggs and Murphey.

May 21, 1814. Resolved, that if a complaint be preferred against a member of this church to one of the deacons of it, if the deacon think the matter of sufficient importance to lay it before the church it shall be his duty to acquaint the person accused of the general charge against him, and the day of trial, and such notification shall be deemed lawful and formal.

Aug. 27. Resolved, that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, be in the future administered on the last Sabbath in February, May, August, and November.

Jan. 1, 1815. Mr. John A. Cuthbert, (late a member of the Baptist church in Sunbury being dismembered by the Church for communing with this,) on application to be considered as a member of this church, was received as such.

Mar. 2, 1815. Observed by this church as

a day of public thanksgiving, as recommended by the President of the U. S., on account of the last peace with Great Brittain.

Aug. 29. Sacrament administered by Rev. Messrs. McWhir and Murphy.

Feb. 24, 1816. An application was made by a man to be received into the communion of the church who was married to a woman, who was divorced from her former husband for adultery. This gave rise to a question whether after divorce obtained, the person whose crime had occasioned the divorce might lawfully be married again. This question was decided by the church in the affirmative.

Resolved, that persons applying to be received into the communion of the church be propounded the Sabbath previous to that on which the ordinance is administered, and in all cases when application is made at the later period, there must be given sufficient reasons for the delay, to the minister who will submit the application to the church.

May 25, 1816. The church invited Capt. Wilson to a conference respecting the tenure which he held of a certain parcel of land, the real owner of which was not distinctly known, upon enquiry of him and explanation on his part, the church resolved unanimously that there was nothing censurable in his conduct regarding this matter.

Dr. Kallender having expressed doubts as

to his baptism, it is the opinion of the members of this church in regular communion, that this circumstance disqualified him from farther communion until all doubts shall be removed on the subject.

Whereas, the duty of disciplining baptized persons not in communion with this church, has heretofore been too little attended to, resolved, that next Thursday week be and the same is hereby appointed for the discussion of this important subject and to adopt such rules for the future government and direction of the church in this behalf as may be deemed expedient.

June 6, 1816. Certain resolutions adopted by a meeting of this church and Society, June 27, 1805, were reconsidered.

First question. Shall baptism be administered to all such children as application may be made for? Answered in the Negative unanimously.

Second question. Shall baptism be confined to those children only, one at least, of whose parents have come forward to the Lord's Supper? Answered in the affirmative, 21 to 1.

Third question. Shall all baptised persons whether infants or adults, who were baptized in this church be subject to its discipline? Answered in the affirmative 19 to 2.

Fourth question. Are parents accountable for the misconduct of their children, while their children are visibly under their care and control? Answered in the affirmative 18 to 1.

Thereupon resolved, 16 to 1, that it shall be the duty of any member of this church privately to admonish or reprove as the case may require. If the offense be public and aggravated the admonition or report should be likewise public.

2nd. If the offending party persists in his error, admonition or reproof is to be given him in the presence of two or three witnesses, and if he still continues to offend he is to be cited to appear before the church and be dealt with as the church shall determine.

William Fleming, Esq'r, was elected by ballot deacon of this church.

May 27, 1720. Resolved, that persons of color shall, in future be baptized in the morning of the Saturday previous to the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of divine service.

Aug. 27, 1820. The fast proclaimed by the General Assembly, to be observed by this Society.

Feb. 2, 1822. Recommended by the Rev. Mr. Murphey that this church should observe this day as day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, being then appointed by the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, on account of the low state of religion generally in the churches under its care.

Mar. 1, 1823. Is a member in full communion in this church at liberty to withdraw at any

time without the consent of the church. Answer, no.

May 27, 1823. Tuesday, Rev. Robert Quarterman was this day ordained the pastor of Midway Church.

Feb. 22, 1824. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed by Rev. Messrs. McWhir and Babbet, of the State of Pennsylvania, in consequence of the indisposition of Mr. Robt. Quarterman.

Aug. 21, 1824. Maj. Josiah Wilson having vacated the clerk's office, John W. Stacy was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Aug. 1826. Resolved, unanimously, that in all cases of church discipline hereafter, the person charged shall appear before the session in person, unless sickness or some other sufficient excuse be rendered for such non-appearance.

Nov. 24, 1827. Whereas, some of the members of this church have hitherto neglected to dedicate their infants in the ordinance of baptism;

Resolved, that this church views it as a neglect of duty in members and will in future require the discharge of said duty; and also that this order be read from the pulpit on tomorrow.

March 21-23. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, preaching by Rev. Messrs. Stiles and Brown, of Savannah, and Pratt, of Darien. Tuesday, 25, preaching by Mr. Stiles.

OCCURENCES OF A GENERAL NATURE.

On the 4th November, 1754, we first heard of the arrival of his excellency, John Reynolds, Esquire, our first Governor.

On the 28th, some of us met to consider of a representative for this place in the intended Assembly.

On the 30th, Rev. Mr. John Osgood our pastor, set off with his wife for Carolina.

On the 14, of December, we met at Capt'n Mark Carr's to choose an Assembly man, when the person we had concluded to elect, with some others of our Society, not daring to take the oath imposed, as not having as yet been put into actual Legal possession of our Lands, according to the custom of the place, we were debarred the privilege of giving in our votes, and Captain Mark Carr was chosen.

January the 18th, 1755. A writ sent up showing that Capt'n Mark Carr and some others were by the commons House of Assembly voted out, as not duly returned and ordering a new election, and therewith a power to make deliveries of our lands in order to entitle us to votes.

On the 28th of January, the Rev. Mr. Osgood and wife returned again from Carolina.

On the 31st, we met at our meeting house to choose a representative for Midway and Newport when Mr. John Elliott was unaimously chosen.

On the 29th of March, 1755, two of us went to Savanna to attend upon the Governour and Council about our land affairs, when we found them determined to look upon all the lands surveyed for this Society, which were not already settled, as vacant, and that they had actually granted some of them away to others.

On Monday, ye 19th of May, we had our first muster, when the militia law was read at the head of the Company.

On the 29th of May, Doct'r Samuel Stevens and Messrs. John Graves and William Graves arrived with part of their families in order to secure lands, and on ye 2nd of June, several attended the sitting of the Council on the affaire of lands, when Messrs. John and William Graves, obtained new warrants for their lands, and it was found that the tract formerly allotted to Samuel Stevens, the Doctor's eldest son, was given from him to another, after he had been some months upon it.

On Tuesday, ye 17th of the same month, the Doctor returned, to appearance quite discouraged, as to ever settling here, and his son followed soon after.

About this time we had a very cool season for the time of the year, and the fields looked very languishing (though no great want of rain, and in

some places none at all) which seemed very discouraging to some, as doubting the lands incapable of producing.

December 3d, 1755, was kept a day of thanksgiving in this Society.

Tolerable good crops this year notwithstanding the discouraging prospects in June.

On February 19, 1756, the General Assembly of this province was dissolved by the governour having been adjourned twice before, on account of differences respecting liberties and priveledges.

June 24, 1756, was kept a day of fasting chiefly on account of the prospect of a war, and the suffering of some of our neighboring collonies from Savage enemies.

July 28, 1756, a fast was kept on account of drought.

August, 1756. We hear that a war with the French is actually proclaimed in Charlestown in South Carolina.

Sep. 8, 1756, began to raise a Meeting House on the Neck between Midway and Newport.

Sept. 16, 1756. A letter came to us from the Honorable Jonathan Brian, Esq'r, one of his majesties Council for this Collony, on account of some Creek Indians being slain by some persons from the Northward who had settled themselves

pretty high up on Great Hogeechee River, in quarrel about some creatures, which the Indians had taken from them; that the Indians were very much irritated—declared they must have blood for blood, and that all means used to pacify them, seemed to no purpose, and advising us with all expedition to build a Fort for our safety, we hear that about Savanna and in the Northern parts of the Collony, people are very much alarmed by this news, which affected us in the same manner; and consultations were immediately had about the building, and place for a Fort, and it was determined by a majority that it should be at Capt. Mark Carr's, low down and upon the River, near the sound, at about seven or eight miles distance from the nearest of the settlements of this Society; which was accordingly begun on the 20th of Sep. 1756.

October, — We hear that the Indians, upon the arrival of one, who was wounded in the quarrel and the relation he gave them of it, were as uneasy about it as ourselves, blamed their people for stealing the English horses, and have sent down runners to assure us, of their own, and desire the continuance of our friendship.

Jan. 2, 1757. The first Sermon was preached in the Meeting House.

Feb. 1757. Henry Ellis, Esq'r, arrived, Lieutenant Governour of this Collony, who had been for some time before impatiently expected, as many were much dissatisfied with the government of Mr. Reynolds, which appeared to many to be arbitrary, and to be influenced very much by John

Little, his Clerk and Confident, who had by artifice, got himself elected a member of the assembly, and speaker of the house. The said Little was this evening hanged and burnt in effigie, and otherways insulted by the mob.

July 11, 1757. Last night arrived letters from some of our neighbors, who were going on a trading voyage to Augustine, and taken by a French Privateer, the Captain of which made one of the Company pretty large offers to bring him in at St. Catharines, and told them he was informed of a Rich Vessel lately arrived there; our neighbors having agreed for the ransom of the vessel and cargo were let go by the Privateer, and meeting with another of the inhabitants of this place returning in a canoe, sent us the said letters, and in them advised us take care of ourselves, upon which we were called down this day to Sunbury, where we raised a couple of Batteries and made carriages for eight small Cannon, which were at the place.

July 16, 1757. Before day we were alarmed, by the fire of cannon at Sunbury, whither we repaired, and a boat went out, but could discover nothing.

July 25, 1757. We had an alarm again, supposed to be occasioned by thunder, out at sea, which was thought to be cannon at Sunbury, by him who began the alarm.

1760. The latter end of the last year the Cherokee Indians killed some of the back settlers of North and South Carolina. The beginning of this

year, William Henry Littleton, Governor of the latter of said Provinces, went up with an army to Fort Prince George, in the lower Town, of the said Nation, in order to demand satisfaction for said Murders, and was met by numbers of the said nation. The Small Pox breaking out in the English Army, a treaty of peace was hastily concluded and hostages taken from the Indians and secured in the said Fort, to be released whenever the Indians brought in the murderers. The Army was disbanded and returned home. The Indians immediately broke through the treaties of peace and broke out into an open war, and cut off several of the back settlers. Some persons were also slain here in the Northern part of Georgia, but 'twas suspected to be done by the Creeks, some of whom we hear have joined the Cherokees.

May 27, 1760. And express arrived from the Creek Nation, informing us that several of the Traders were killed there, upon which many of our settlers left their settlements.

Aug. 2, 1773. Our dear and much honoured Pastor, the Rev'd. Mr. John Osgood, who was born and received a great part of his education among us, under the Rev'd Mr. Hugh Fisher, our former pastor, and finished his studies in Cambridge College in New England, departed this life. He was ordained to the pastoral charge over us Mar. 24, Anno 1735, and continued so 38 years and about 4 months wanting but 2 or 3 days.

Jan. 30, 1774. Came news that the Creek Indians had slain 17 or 18 persons on the back parts

of Georgia.

1st February. Came orders to draw our company together and by draught divide them into three companies for scouts, one company at a time.

2nd. The company met and were draughted and ordered; the first draught to meet at the Muster-field on Friday the 4th, prepared with provision for a 14 days' Scout.

Nov. 17, 1778. Tuesday. Heard that three deserters from Florida made oath that an Army from thence, were coming against this State.

Thursday, 19th. An Army of about 40 Horses met with John Way, some of Capt. Moses Way, took him Prisoner, and went to the house of Captain Way, where by a Kind Providence a Party of about twenty of the Battalion happened to have lodged the night before, who defended themselves in said house and kept the Enemy off, who wounded two of said Battalion, took a number of horses and retreated; An alarm was first and a small body, of, I suppose, about 60 men collected who following their track, found at South Newport bridge, on the line of this Parish, (or near it) of St. Johns, a large body of men encamped, which by the best accounts we now have, this 23rd November, consists of 500 men or thereabouts.

Friday, 20. Our Small Party fell almost into an ambuscade of the enemy, who had a Field Piece with them, fired upon our men and wounded Col. John Baker and Mr. William Goulding - drove

off our men and marched on.

This Neighborhood of Midway fled from their habitations, some to the Fort at the House of John Winn, Esq., and many to Ogeechee.

Saturday morning, another engagement at North Newport River, but could not stop the progress of our Enemies; upon which most of those in the Fort were so terrified that they fled from it, in order to get over Ogeechee with their families, none remaining but mine, upon which I moved with mine into the woods, and there camped.

Sabbath Morning, 22nd. Our Party retreated yesterday to the Meeting House, where a recruit of some hundreds joined them with some Artillery, and some of our Party crossed the Swamp, and coming near a thicket where they expected an Ambuscade might probably be, Col. James Screven and one more, went forward to examine, the Colonel, and one Continental officer, and Mr. Judah Lewis, were shot down. The Colonel had three wounds; the other two killed. A flag was sent and brought off the Colonel.

Monday, 23. We hear the Colonel is still alive.

Tuesday, 24. We hear a Party from Florida landed this morning, on the Colonel's Island, otherwise called Bermuda Island, a little below Sunbury, in order to make an attack against that Town.

Wednesday, 25. Could get no intelligence.

Sent a negro boy to the Meeting House, where our Army lay with six Cannon; how many men I know not. Myself and one son went to the Fort for a Truck, and as we were coming down the path we saw, of a sudden, the path, at about half a mile or more before us filled with smoke, and the path at that place appeared to be full of People. We concluding it to be an Army marching up from Sunbury, left the Truck and struck off into the woods, crossed a dam northward of our Camp, went around the pond and came to our Camp. After an hour or perhaps more staying there, I rode out again through the woods, with much caution, to discover the occasion of the smoke we saw, and whether an army had marched upward or not, I discovered a smoke there again, rode up to the place and found two or three large lightwood fires on the South of the road and near it; the wind being north, kept the smoke generally out of sight to people in the path; but a gust happening from the South, as my son and self were coming, occasioned the path then filled with smoke. I found several heaps of Feathers where geese or a goose, as I suppose, and several other fowls had been picked. The Road was very full of Tracks, which all being barefoot but two, I concluded were negroes going for Ogeechee or Savanna. This prevented our attempting to go over Midway Swamp that evening, for Jericho, as we had thought of doing.

Towards night we heard the firing of several cannon, towards the Meeting House, which made me suspect that the Florida Army had got over to the North side of Midway and had made an attack on Col. White and his Army on the North.

Thursday, 26th. Rode off early in the morning towards the Meeting House for intelligence, when I came in sight I observed that the cannon which was placed in that road was gone, which made me suspect that Col. White had retreated. Soon after I saw a number of horsemen riding to meet me with pine branches in their hats, which discovered to me that the Army from Florida was then in possession of that place. Without any pause I rode on til I met them. It was, I suppose, Col. Brown and his Company of light horse. The officer spoke very roughly to me—examined whence I came—from what Company; and whether any Army was then between that place and Sunbury; but would believe none of my answers, and assured me I would be hanged if caught in a lie. I told him I knew not of any Army betwixt that and Sunbury, but I knew not, but there might be. He told me if he met with any I should be hanged. He ordered me in the most stern manner to dismount. I did so. My Horse and myself were delivered to a man I supposed Sergeant. Soon after a Messenger came from the Chief Commander, the Honorable Col. Provost, with an order that I should be conducted to him, which I was very glad of. In my way I was met by several officers, truly gentlemen, who treated me very civilly, I think I may truly say, some of them more than civilly, even kindly. When I came to the Chief Commander, he inquired whence I came? I informed him of my camp and family in the woods. Acquainted him with the number of black and white. Asked me if I had no letters, I told him I had not. Threw open my cloak and felt all my pockets, in which I happened to have no papers. He seemed satisfied and did not order

anyone to search me.

There had been hard frosts every morning from Sunday morning. The Colonel and officers who kept company with him seemed sensibly touched with my family, especially my wife with a child not six weeks old lying out in the woods in such weather. Assured me we should have been safe and unmolested at home, and that he had written to Col. White to tell us so, and that he had spared every house where he found any inhabitants. He told me that for some particular reasons, I must wait awhile and he would then dismiss me. I staid and went to a fire, where I was insulted by some of the Company. I left them and went to another where there seemed to be chiefly officers, where I was used civilly and kindly. Near eleven of clock, fearing the Chief Commander would forget me, I went to the Vestry House where he was and some officers being lying by it in the Sun. I sat down near them, when an officer coming out of the house urged me much to go in. I did so. The Commander in Chief immediately sat down with pen and paper, and enquiring my Christian name, wrote as follows:

"Mr. Benjamin Baker has leave to go home to take care of his family and is not to be molested, he behaving peaceably."

J. W. PROVOST,
Commander of the N. W. Division.

They told me they required no oath of any man—that it was a weak thing to do so—as they knew that a compulsive Oath was nothing. I was

not asked in the least whether I would remain peaceful or not, nor was any declaration at all required of me.

I bowed and thanked the Chief Commander on receiving said paper. He advised me to get my family home immediately, and to keep within the limits of my own plantation, assuring me that in that case none of us would be molested. Having lost my horse as aforesaid, I hastened back on foot to my camp and hurried to bundle up as much as one could carry and hasten home; and had we been half an hour later, I suppose, our house would have been in flames, for soon after we got home, the house of Peter Winn, Esq., and of Mr. Samuel Stevens, both near to us — one Easterly and the other N. Westerly, were set on fire. Two or three or more small companies called at our door and behaved very civilly. This afternoon we had the very melancholy prospect of seeing the smoke of burning houses rising from the East all around us Northerly and Westwardly.

Friday, 27th. Was cautious of going out to fetch in the rest of our goods on account of the caution given me by the Commander in Chief. However in the afternoon, at which time Mr. Perkins, John Baker, and two more, who had been with a flag to the Meeting House, in order to make their Peace, called at our house and informed us that the Army was gone, and the Meeting House was burnt. We also observed the smoke of some house burning on the west side of Newport Road.

Saturday, 28th. Fetched in the last turn of

our goods.

Sabbath, 29th. Considerable rain this day and night. In the afternoon Messrs. Wilson, Carter, Sillivant, and Mills called upon us, who told us they came from camps at Ogeechee and that they supposed the Florida Army was retreated. After they were gone, my Son John came, who informed me that Mr. Stacy and himself were betrayed in their hiding place by two negroes. That 15 Negroes from Mr. Stacy and 4 from himself were taken and carried off.

Monday, 30th. The weather cleared up again, and my Son William came from the camp at Ogeechee to see us and went off that afternoon to join Col. John Baker, Maj. William Baker and other company at the Colonel's house, and design as supposed to go out the next day, to find out which way the Florida Army had marched.

Tuesday, Dec. 1. Messrs. Samuel Stevens, Samuel Saltus, John Winn, Junior, Thomas Baker, and Joseph Winn came to us. We learn that Mr. Thomas Cater, designing to go to the house of Col. John Baker, when he came near, discovered a number of horses there, and seeing a negro, inquired who were there. The negro without speaking motioned to him to withdraw, which he did in great haste and we hear nothing of the Col. and his company.

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. The Persons who had come to us brought in many of the things which they had hid, and rode to see the ruins and also

some places, where the buildings has been spared. They seem very undetermined whether to return to their plantations or proceed on to So. Carolina and settle there. Considerable rain, again this day. The smoke of the stacks of rice, set on fire on Thursday afternoon, still continue.

Dec. 3rd, 1773. On Tuesday, 1st inst., some Georgia Companies arrived and encamped in the afternoon at the place where the Meeting House had stood. This 3rd of December Messrs. Saltus, Stephen, and Winn went off early for Sunbury where we hear the firing of many cannon. Were informed in the evening that they were fired by a vessel going out.

Friday, 4th. Our people prepared to return to their families.

Saturday, 5th. They set off in their return.

N. B. The company which affrighted Mr. Cater on Tuesday were Col. Baker and those with him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Copy of a Call Agreed Upon the 26th June, 1771.
Wednesday.

Sir: We, the members of a Congregational Church and Society at Midway in the Province of Georgia, send greeting:

Whereas, the Rev. Mr. John Osgood, our worthy Pastor, is now far advanced in age and much subject to bodily infirmities, and particularly at this time, greatly afflicted, with sore sickness, whereby he is rendered unable to preach at present, and we are fearfully apprehensive will not be able to preach much longer, if any, amongst us, and is with us, very desirous of some suitable person to assist, and if need be, succeed him in the Gospel Ministry; sensible of the great duty and privilege of having the Gospel and its Ordinances settled and continued amongst us, and seeking divine direction herein; We, the members of the above said Church and Society, do herein make our joint application to you, sir, beseeching and entreating you to accept of this sacred Trust, and to come and preach the Gospel and administer the ordinances thereof to us; as an assistant to, and together with our present Pastor, should he be again recovered to health, and if need should so require, and it be found suitable to succeed him in the Gospel Ministry, and dispensing the ordinances thereof to us according to our profession. For the mutual trial of which we earnestly request your continuance and administration among us, at least for the term of one whole year, to commence from

your arrival to us. And we on our parts promise, and engage to receive you with that Candour, brotherly love and respect as becomes persons professing Godliness; and to pay to you, in order to defray the charges of your passage, and for your first year's service, at the end and expiration of said year to commence from your arrival amongst us, the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, in the which payments well and truly to be made, we, the select men and Trustees of the said Church and Society, being thereto by them empowered and required, do bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators to you, the said , your certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, in the Penal sum of two hundred pounds sterling. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this
Day of , the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy.

Copy of Call to the Rev'd Mr. William Schenck.

Rev'd Sir: We, the Members of a Congregational Church and Society of Midway, in the Province of Georgia, sensible of the great Duty and Privelege of having the Gospel and its Ordinances settled and continued among us, and seeking Divine Direction therein; Do herein make our joint application to you, Sir, beseeching and entreating you to accept of the Sacred Trust of preaching the Gospel and administering the Ordinances thereof unto us, according to our profession. And for mutual trial, we earnestly request your continuance and administrations with and amongst us, at least for the term of one whole year, to commence from

your arrival to us. And we on our parts promise and engage to receive you, with that Candour, brotherly love, and respect as becomes persons professing Godliness; and to pay you, in order to defray the charges of your passage, and for your first year's service, at the end and expiration of the first year, to commence from your arrival amongst us, the sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling. In the which payment, well and truly to be made, we, the select men and Trustees of the said Church and Society, being by thereto authorized, do bind ourselves--our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators to you, the said William Schenck, your certain Attorney, Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns in the Penal Sum of three hundred Pounds Sterling. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this 7th June, Anno Domini, 1773.

Copy of Call to Mr. Daniel Roberts Agreed Upon Nov. 22, 1773, and Drawn and Dated 29th, the Said Roberts Not as Yet Ordained.

Sir: We, the members of a Congregational Church and Society at Midway, in the Province of Georgia, being at this time destitute of a settled and stated Minister, seeking Divine Direction, therein, make our joint application to you, Sir, entreating you to come and abide among us and preach statedly to us, for the term of one year at least, hoping that within or by the end of the said term, both you and we may be by Divine Providence directed and influenced to seek further Proceedings, as may be for the interest of Religion, glory of God, and our mutual advantage. And we on our parts

promise and engage to receive you with that Candour, brotherly love, and respect as become persons professing Godliness, and to pay you for the said year's service, to commence from your settlement among us, one hundred pounds lawful money of this Province of Georgia; at the end and expiration of the said year. In witness whereof, we the select men and Trustees of the said Society, being by it, thereto empowered, have hereto set our Hands and Seals this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three.

A letter similar to the above sent Mr. Holmes and a salary of £150 offered May 31st, 1784.

A Letter to the President.

To the Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D., President of Nassau Hall College in New Jersey.

Rev'd Sir: We, the members of the Congregational Church and Society, settled at Midway, in St. John's Parish and Province of Georgia, under the Pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. John Osgood, being very apprehensive that his present bodily indisposition will prevent his preaching much longer to us, if any, and being with him very desirous that if he should recover his usual health (which we earnestly pray God, may be the case) that he may have some suitable person to assist him in preaching the Gospel and dispensing the Ordinances thereof amongst us, and if needful to succeed him in that Sacred trust, do humbly and ear-

nestly beseech and intreat your assistance, that you would, with the advice of and a particular regard and deference to the judgment of Robert Ogden, Esq'r., who has been much at the House of and in conversation with our present Pastor and resided some time amongst us, by which he has had a much greater opportunity of knowing what kind of person would best suit us, then we suppose, any other person among you can. Choose out some meet and suitable person to come and assist, and if need should require, succeed our Reverend Pastor, in the sacred charge of preaching the Gospel and administering the Ordinances thereof to us, according to our profession. And we desire and request that he may be a man of moderate Principles, Sound in the Articles of Faith, and one who receives the Westminster Confession thereof, a moderate Calvinist. That he may be so far as can be discovered seriously and devoutly religious and of a regular life and conversation. And though we are desirous that in point of church government, he be of our particular persuasion and profession, yet should there be any small difference of opinion, as to any particular mode or manner of administration not essential, we hope a mutual condescension and forbearance will prevent any disagreement, contrary to the peace of the Gospel. But earnestly request and beseech that if he should be a person not as yet ordained, and it should be thought proper to have him restricted and bound up to the Tenets peculiar to any particular Denomination and form of church Discipline, which being granted, we rather choose he should be ordained before he

comes to us. And we request that when you have fixed on and chosen one so qualified, you will present him with, and prevail on him to accept of our invitation and call and fill up the blank therein with his name and deliver it to him for his encouragement and security. And further earnestly intreat to hear from you by the first opportunity, and to be acquainted with the success of our application, whether we may hope to be accommodated immediately, or in how long a time. Praying that God would be pleased to succeed our application, and requesting your prayers for us, we are, Rev'd Sir, in the Bonds of the Gospel, your very humble Servants, the Select Men and Trustees, at the request and in behalf of the whole Church and Society.

Midway, in Georgia, 11th Day of December
Anno, 1773.

Copy of Letter sent Doct'r Rogers, of New York.

Georgia, July, 1791.

Rev'd Sir: We, the select men of the Church and Society at Midway, by the direction and in the name and behalf of said Church beg leave to address you. Although we have not the honor and happiness of a personal acquaintance with you yet, Rev'd. Sir, we are not altogether strangers to your character. Relying therefore on your candor and intelligence, your good will and readiness to promote the cause of Religion, we take the liberty to give you the following information and make a request:

Our Church, Sir, is of the Congregationalist profession, and through the Providence of God, we are destitute of a Pastor, to go in and out before us, and Minister to us in holy things. We feel and mourn the want of priveleges which are invaluable, and which we have enjoyed in their purity, and look up to you, Rev'd. Sir, for assistance as a means, which we hope is, and will be, under the direction of the great Head of the Church, for obtaining those priveleges which we highly esteem, and trust, sincerely desire, again to enjoy.

Our request, Sir, is that you use your influence and endeavor to prevail upon some Gospel Minister to come and take the charge of our church and preach to us the Gospel and administer its Ordinances according to our profession. And we desire and request that he may be a Man of moderate principles, sound in the Articles of Faith, and one who receives the Westminster confession thereof, a moderate Calvinist that he may be so far as can be discovered, sincerely and devoutly religious, and of a regular life and conversation; and though we are desirous that in point of Church Government, he be of our particular persuasion and profession, yet, should there be any small difference of opinion as to any particular mode, or manner of administration, not essential, we hope a mutual condescension and forbearance will prevent any disagreement, contrary to the peace of the Gospel. But we hope, Sir, with respect to qualifications, we may with safety leave them to your judgment, and doubt not, would be happy in your choice.

In the name and by the direction of the Church and Society, the select men have enclosed a call which is blank, with respect to the Minister's name, which you will please fill up, should you be kind as to undertake and should succeed in the business.

Doct'r LeConte, who will hand you this, perhaps, may inform you of what you may think further necessary to know, respecting customs, usages, and other circumstances.

We have offered but for one year, as thinking it may be best for both parties trial be first made; and we pray that God would be pleased to succeed our application, and request your Prayers for us.

We are, Rev'd. Sir, in the bonds of the Gospel, your humble servants.

Copy of a Letter sent the Rev. Abiel Holmes by the Select Men, at the Request of the Church and Society.

Midway, July, 1791.

Rev'd and Dear Sir: The Select men of the Church and Society are required by a majority of the Society to write you upon the subject of your returning to make out the year you commenced with us in March last. It is conceived, sir, that you may consider yourself as under obligations for the present year, and that your returning must be attended with much inconvenience, and perhaps may

be against your interest, and also that it may be an obstacle in our way of getting soon supplied with a settled Pastor. They are therefore required to inform you of the steps taken by the Church and Society since your removal from us, which show that you are released from any specific obligations, however, highly we may esteem your labors of ministration.

Soon after your departure, Sir, a meeting of the Church and Society was called to consider of the state of the Church, and previous to which a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer to the great Disposer of Events for direction was appointed and kept. On the day of the meeting it was considered that the Church was destitute of a Pastor, therefore proceeded to deliberate on ways and means to get supplied, and accordingly it was agreed upon to make application to Doct'r Rogers of New York to use his influence and endeavours to prevail upon some Gospel Minister to come and take the charge of our Church as the likeliest means to get a speedy supply. Application therefore is, or is about to be made, as above mentioned. We are, Rev. Sir, with all respect, your humble servants.

P.S. — Should you not return, the select men will as soon as the notes become due, collect and send you your salary for the time you labored among us the present year, and the arrearage for time past.

A Copy of an Answer Received from the Rev. Abiel Holmes in Consequence of a Letter sent him by the Select Men, at the Request of the Church and at Midway, in Georgia, Dated July, 1791.

New Haven, Sept. 20th, 1791.

Dearly Beloved: The necessity I was laid under by a Providential dispensation of leaving you suddenly, and with but very short notice occasioned me great grief and sorrow of heart. As necessary, however, as it appeared to me, to leave you at that time, and convinced as I was of the incumbent duty of ultimately relinquishing the Ministry among you; still it was my fixed intentions, by the permission of Providence, to return and spend some time with you. Nor could I think of giving up my dear charge without another opportunity of Pastoral intercourse. and of bidding you the last and most affectionate adieu. But the receipt of your letter of July last, decidedly determines on your part, it is not expedient for me to return to you again, I shall therefore forego the pleasure which I had anticipated in another interview with you; and committing you to the divine care and blessing, shall take my leave of you in the only way that propriety and Christian affection can now dictate.

This, my dearly beloved, is a task to which I hoped never to be called. Often indeed have I feared—but it has been my heart's desire and prayer to God, that if consistent with His will, the days of my Ministry on earth might be spent among you. The Great Disposer of Events hath seen fit to order it otherwise—and I would humbly say: "The will of the Lord be done! (My hopes and expectations have been disappointed, but,) It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth Him good."

I have submitted the state of my health, and all the circumstances relating to this subject, to

the consideration of the surviving Ministers of the council which ordained me to the work of the Ministry, and you have their judgment in the instrument of writing which I herewith enclose, by which you will see that my Pastoral relation to you is now dissolved.

This event, my Brethren, is of a serious and interesting nature to you, and to myself. It requires a solemn pause. It prompts a serious recollection. How have I discharged the duties of the Ministry, while among you? How have you improved the privileges of the Gospel, under my preaching and Pastoral Ministration? On the review of my Ministry, I must humbly acknowledge, "Unto me who am less than the least of all Saints (has) this grace been given, that I should preach among (you) the unsearchable riches of Christ." Many imperfections, many sins, have been mingled with my ministrations. In my public preaching - in the administrations of special Ordinances - in catechising and instructing the children and youths (the dear lambs of my flock) in visitations to the sick, in giving counsels to the afflicted, in directing inquiring souls in the way to Holiness and Peace, and in every other Pastoral duty, I see great cause for deep humiliation, sorrow, and shame. But I will hope, notwithstanding, that my imperfect labors among you, have not been entirely in vain in the Lord. This my conscience testified, that "I have kept back nothing (intentionally) that was profitable to you, but have showed you and have taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to you repentance towards God (and faith towards our) Lord Jesus Christ. And now behold, (I

have gone preaching the Kingdom of God, will see my face no more. (Wherefore may I not) take you to record this day, (that with all my imperfections, I have endeavored by divine grace, to keep myself) pure from the God." But in whatever respect I have fallen short in Pastoral duties, I hope for pardon through the blood of sprinkling.

In regard to you, my dear Flock, my ministrations have been variously improved by you. Some of you have I doubt not received the truth in the love of it, even the truth as it is in Jesus; and have so profited by it as to become wise unto Salvation, some careless and secure sinners have I trust, through the blessing of God, accompanying my Ministry, been awakened, convinced, and savingly converted. Some enquiring souls have, it is hoped, been led into the way to Zion, and some believers established and built up in the faith and comfort of the Gospel. Others, it is feared, have not duly improved the privilege of the Gospel Ministry, but have "Rejected the Council of God against themselves. To the one (we have been) the Saviour of Death unto death (and) to the other the Saviour of Life unto life;" affecting consideration! God grant it may make a suitable impression on your hearts! At the final judgment, let it be remembered, this will all be made manifest.

Upon the whole I desire to bless God the the success with which He has graciously pleased to crown my poor labours among you. It was this which peculiarly strengthened my hands, and encouraged my heart in the very arduous duties of the Ministry, whether in sickness or in health, in pros-

perity or in adversity. This will be a subject of blessing and grateful reflection to me all my remaining days, and this (notwithstanding my present feelings which may be unpleasant to you and to myself,) will I trust be a source of our mutual delight, thankfulness, and praise in the world of glory. "For what is our hope or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even yet, in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming, for ye are our glory and joy."

At this solemn period, may we unite together in hosannahs of praise "unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood!

In the meantime my prayers, shall be offered up, without ceasing to God for your posterity and happiness, and should Providence afford me an opportunity to assist you in any respect, I will do it with singular pleasure.

"And now Brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified,

"Finally brethren, Farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you." The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all Amen.

I remain, Dearly beloved, your affectionate Friend and Brother in the bonds of the Gospel.

ABIEL HOLMES.

New Haven, Sept. 15, 1791.

We, the Subscribers, surviving Ministers of the Council which ordained the Rev. Abiel Holmes to the work of the Gospel Ministry Sept. 15, 1785, on his application for our sentiments concerning the connection, which took place, between him and the church and people of Midway, in the State of Georgia, and to advise him in his present situation, having attended to the record of his Ordination and recollecting the representations made to the Council; are clearly of opinion, that though Mr. Holmes was ordained with a particular reference to the invitation of the Church and Society of Midway as well as at large, yet in his and their view so far as it appeared to us, his own continuing among them should depend not only on the continuance of their desire and affection, and other circumstances essential to the hopeful prospect of his usefulness, but likewise on the effect which the climate might have on his constitution and health, so that it was left optional with him and them, and either party to judge and determine the line of duty as future circumstances should arise and dictate.

We are further of opinion that his repeated trials of the climate are sufficient to decide that it is his duty to give over the thoughts of continuing in the Ministry there.

And although he purposed as he informs us, to have returned to Georgia to take friendly leave of his beloved flock, yet the Church and Society of Midway, by their letter of July last having excused his return and released him from his obligation of further ministering in that part of the vineyard,

we are of opinion, that his pastoral return to that Church and Society is dissolved and that he is fully at liberty to employ his ministerial labours elsewhere, and thereupon we recommend the Reverend Mr. Abiel Holmes to the churches for improvement in the Evangelic Ministry wherever the Providence of God may open a door for his usefulness.

Ezra Stiles,
Nathaniel Taylor,
Timothy Pitkin,
Elizur Goodrich,
Enoch Huntington,

Address of the Church and Society to President Washington, whilst on a visit to Georgia in 1891. (Taken from White's Historial Collections, being missing from the records.)

Sir: We feel ourselves happy in an opportunity of expressing our attachment to your person, and our peculiar pleasure in your selection by the unanimous voice of your country to the Presidency of the United States.

Though situated in the extreme part of the Union, we have gratefully to acknowledge that we already experience the propitious influence of your wise and parental administration. To the troops stationed on your frontiers by your order, and to the treaty lately concluded with the Creek Nation under your auspices, we are indebted, under Providence, for our present tranquility. The hatchet is now buried, and we smoke with our Indian neighbours the calumet of peace. This, while it affords

a happy presage of our future protection, gives, at the same time, a recent proof how justly you have earned, in your civil as well as military capacity, the glorious title of Father of your Country.

With the laurel, then, be pleased to accept the civic wreath from a grateful people.

We readily conceive how arduous must be the duties, how weighty and complicated the cares of office, in the government of so extensive a Republic as that over which you are called to preside. Impressed with a deep sense of this, we will not fail to implore the Divine blessing in your behalf. May you continue to be directed by that wisdom from above which is necessary to the discharge of the duties of your high and important station; and may you long be preserved the favoured instrument to Heaven to secure to a free people those invaluable rights which you so eminently contributed to rescue from the hand of oppression. Distant as our situation is from the Seat of Government, permit us to assure you that our influence, however inconsiderable in the national scale, shall not be wanting in encouraging submission to the laws of the United States, and thus under God perpetuate the blessings of an efficient Federal Government, now so happily established.

(Signed)	Jemes Maxwell,	
	Daniel Stewart,	Committee on
	A. Holmes,	behalf of the
	Henry Wood,	Church and
	John P. Mann,	Society.

Midway, Liberty County, May 12, 1791.

The President's Answer to the Congregational Church and Society at Medway, Georgia.

Gentlemen: I learn with gratitude proportioned to the occasion, your attachment to my person, and the pleasure you express on my election to the Presidency of the United States. Your sentiments on the happy influence of the equal government impress me with the most sensible satisfaction. They vindicate the great cause of humanity. They reflect honour on the liberal minds that entertain them, and they promise the continuance and improvement of that tranquility which is essential to the welfare of nations and the happiness of men.

You overrate my best exertions, when you ascribe to them the blessings which our country enjoys.

From the gallantry and fortitude of her citizens, under the auspices of Heaven, America has derived her independence. To their industry and the natural advantages of the country, she is indebted for her prosperous situation. From their virtue she may expect long to share the protection of a free and equal government, which their wisdom has established, and which experience justified, as admirably adapted to our social wants and individual felicity.

Continue, my fellow-citizens, to cultivate the peace and harmony which now subsist between you and your Indian neighbors—the happy consequence is immediate—the reflection which arises on justice and benevolence will be lastingly grate-

ful. A knowledge of your happiness will lighten the cares of my station, and be among the most pleasing of their rewards.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

At the Annual Meeting, Mar. 10, 1852.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. W. S. Baker, and carried:

Whereas, the 5th of December next will be a century since the settlement of this community in this place; therefore,

Resolved, That in token of respect to the memory of our ancestors, and of gratitude to our Preserver, we will celebrate that day with suitable observances, and further,

Resolved, That a committee shall be appointed by the chair consisting of thirteen in number, from the different parts of the community, to make all necessary arrangements.

The Chair then appointed the following gentlemen as that committee, viz:

W. S. Baker, L. J. Mallard, H. H. Jones, T. Q. Cassels, W. G. Martin, John W. Stacy, W. Q. Baker, T. S. Mallard, Thos. Quarterman, Sr., N. Varnedoe, W. Jones, J. B. Barnard, and Thos. W. Fleming.

December 6, 1852.

The Church and Society met together with a large concourse of people from all quarters according to a resolution of the last annual meeting, to keep this day festive, in commemoration of the arrival of

this Church and Society by its pioneers at this place, and the first settling of this country, on the sixth of December, 1752.

The ceremonies commenced on Sabbath (5th) by the preaching of a sermon suited to the occasion by our able and eloquent minister, Rev. I. S. K. Axson.

The firing of cannon early Monday morning announced the festivities of the day.

A procession was formed, which marched in proper and regular order to music by the band attached to the Chatham Artillary Company of Savannah, (who honored us with their presence) from a point in the Sunbury Road, where it was formed, into the church, when the whole congregation were pleased and instructed in listening to a statistical address more than an hour in length giving in details, and refreshing our minds with the most interesting incidents and circumstances connected with the early settlement of this county, the tragedies of the Revolutionary War, etc., etc., by Mr. John B. Mallard, A. M., selected by the committee of arrangements for that purpose. The address was followed by music in the gallery by the band of musicians from Savannah.

The procession then formed around the spot selected for laying the corner stone of a monument to be erected in commemoration of the first settling of this county, and in honor of our pilgrim forefathers who bequeathed to us the privileges and

blessings we enjoy at so much cost to themselves.

Spot selected, directly in front of the church, and in the line of the south wall of the graveyard.

The corner stone, which enclosed coins, papers, pamphlets, and various other matters, was then laid with appropriate ceremonies, and an appropriate and lengthy address delivered on the grounds by Rev. John Winn. The orator of the day was Hon. William Law, who made one of his most brilliant displays of oratory, and feeling, very much in unison with the occasion.

The orators, speakers, and committeemen were all the descendants of the first settlers raised in this community, with the single exception of our pastor, Rev. I. S. K. Axson, who is a Carolinian.

A most splendid dinner was then attended to and the drinking of toasts wound up the festivities of the day—a day long to be remembered by all present.

The next day (Tuesday) was also celebrated, in continuation, by speeches, a good dinner, and toasts, and many other things—being more than could be attended to in one day.

1753.

Benjamin Baker to Elizabeth Lax, Nov. 18.

1754.

John Quarterman to Sarah Osgood, Oct. 11.

1755.

Richard Baker to Elizabeth Andrews, April 28.

1756.

Moses Way to Lydia Mitchell, Feb. 9.

William Donnom to Mary Taylor, March 11.

John Quarterman, Sr., to Hannah Taylor, June 8.

William Graves to Rebecca Quarterman.

1757.

John Burnet to _____ Burtley, May 9.

Thos. Quarterman to Rebecca Bacon, Nov. 29.

Thomas Way to Mary Sumner, Dec. 1.

1758.

Robert Smallwood to Nancy Mitchell, March 6.

Isaac Hauskins to Barbara _____, March 7.

1759.

Joseph Way to Mary Osgood, March 12.

Thomas Christie to Susanna Sumner, April 10.

William Johnson to Elizabeth Gleycen, May 31.

William Swinton to Mary Slade, June 7.

1760.

Matthew Smallwood to Rebecca Sumner, Jan 15.

Barak Norman to Esther Girardeau, July 29.

James Maxwell to Sarah Brown, Oct. 9.

John Martin to Elizabeth Donnom, Nov. 6.

1761.

John Bacon to Ann Andrew, Feb. 17.

1762.

Benjamin Andrew to Mary Philbin, Sept. 28.

1763.

Samuel Jones to Rebecca Baker, Aug. 15.

Nathaniel Brown to Sarah Bacon, Oct. 4.

1764.

Rev. John Alexander to Hannah Godfrey, March 27.

1765.

Thomas Maxwell to Sarah Parsheana Donnom.

1766.

Parmenas Way to Martha Bacon.

John Davis to Rebecca Andrew, February.

Moses Way to Ann Winn, May 12.

William Swinton to Sarah Barron.

Gideon Dowse to Ann Elliott.

John Winn to Lydia Sanders, Aug. 2.

1767.

Henry Petty to Rebecca Burnley, Jan. 29.

Josiah Bacon to Mary Maxwell, Jan.

William Quarterman to Sarah Stewart, Feb. 19.

Robert Quarterman to Mary Way, June 16.

Joseph Stevens to Ann Spencer, July 7.

William Simpson to Elizabeth Lupton, July 23.

John Winn to Sarah Baker, Aug. 17.

1768.

Samuel Saltus to Susannah Baker, May 16.

William Bacon to Sarah Burnley, May 31.

Josiah Osgood to Margaret Fulton, August.
Paul Fulton to Sarah Osgood, Aug. 9.
Thomas Hughes to Sarah Graves, Sept. 27.
Jesse Wilson to Elizabeth Way, Sept. 27.

1769.

Samuel Stevens to Elizabeth Baker, March 14.
Thomas Stevens to Sarah Spencer, May 9.
Hugh Bennet to Mary McCollough, June 26.
John Stewart to Sarah Nickolds, Aug. 7.

1770.

William Bacon to Sarah Sumner, May 7.
John Goulding to Sarah Brown, Jan. 18.
Thomas Bacon to Catherine Winn, June 7.
John Stevens to Margaret McCartey, June 28.
John Elliott to Rebecca Jane Maxwell, Aug. 9.
Brice McClelland to Mary Cooper, Sept. 4.

1771.

William Simpson to Elizabeth Burnley, March 7.
William Baker to Elizabeth Dunnom, March 27.
Samuel Burnley to Rebecca Bacon, May 2.
Robert Quarterman to Elizabeth Baker, May 9.
Richard Cooper to Mary Allen, Dec. 3.

1772.

John Shave to Ellenor Bricen, Feb. 27.
Nathaniel Bacon to Elizabeth Anderson, April 5.
William Baker, Sr., to Hannah McCartey,
April 30.
Jesse Denison to Mary Williams, May 5.
Gideon Dowse to Susanna Bradwell, May 7.
Parmenas Way, Sr., to Sarah Quarterman, June 9.
Matthew Beard to Sarah Hurst, June 9.

1773.

Edward Ball to Rebecca Jones, Jan. 21.

John McClean to Sarah Law, Jan. 21.

Jonathan Holden to Elizabeth Peacock, March 16.

Jonathan Scarth to Elizabeth Osgood, March 18.

James Cantey to Margaret Anderson, June 10.

John Osgood to Esther Scarth, July 8.

Edward Way to Mary Baker, Dec. 7.

1774.

Daniel Roberts to Amarintha Elliott, May 17.

Thomas Sumner to Sarah Quarterman, May 17.

Joseph McGowen to Lydia Baker, June 28.

McClelland to Mary Fulton, June 28.

Peter Sallins to Lydia Way, July 14.

1775.

David Anderson to Mary McClenning, Feb. 20.

James Carter to Martha Dunnom, Feb. 20.

James McCollough to Mary Osgood, Feb. 20.

Lazarus Mallard to Mary Norman, Sept. 4.

John Norman to Rebecca Quarterman, Sept. 5.

1776.

Thomas Elliott to Ann Baker, Jan. 25.

Joseph Bacon to Rebecca Spencer, March 25.

Thomas Quarterman to Rebecca Smallwood,
May 13.

Joseph Fox to Susanna Stewart, July 1.

Parmenas Way, Sr., to Elizabeth Baker, Nov. 12.

1777.

Peter Winn to Mary Farley, Jan. 7.

Thomas Baker to Catherine Bell, Feb. 25.

Henry Wood to Rebecca Hannah Powell, March 27.

Jonathan Bacon to Martha Westberry, July 31.

Joseph Hambleton to Mary Steel, Sept. 11.
John Gibbons to Rebecca Graves, Dec. 13.

1778.

John B. Baker to Harriette Way, Jan. 5.
John Bacon to Sarah Bacon, April 2.
Thomas Bacon to Sarah Baker, June 1.
Phillip Lowe to Jean Darling, Oct. 20.

1779.

Edward Sumner to Mary Way, (in Carolina) Dec. 10.
John Bacon to Elizabeth More, (in Carolina).
Thomas Quarterman to Rebecca Ball, (in Carolina)
Thomas Bacon to Martha Wheeler, (in Carolina).
Thomas Graves to Mary Mitchell, (in Carolina),
William Goulding to Sarah Graves, (in Carolina).

1782.

John Elliott to Mary Bilney, July 20.
Jas. Wilson to Elizabeth Quarterman, (in Carolina) Sept. 10.
Thos. Sumner to Anna Baker, (in Carolina) Sept. 14.
John Sanford to _____, (in Carolina).
John Bradwell to Ann Sergeant, November.
James Stewart to Elizabeth Jackson.
William West to Hannah Sharp.
John Lines to Jane Carr.
Phillip Lowe to Mary Jones.
William Jeans Baker to Mary Wells.
Josiah Maxwell to Mary Baker.

1783

Joseph Way to Sarah Armstrong, (in Carolina) July 17.
Elijah Quarterman to Margaret Wilson, (in

Carolina).

John Mitchell to Elizabeth Maxwell.

John Way to May Spencer, Oct. 2.

Joseph Massey to Sarah Smallwood, Oct. 16.

Thomas Baker to Rebecca Bacon, Nov. 17.

1784.

Thomas Goulding to Margaret Stacy, July.

James Wood to Elizabeth Sandiford.

Col. John Baker to Mary Lapina.

1785.

Wm. R. Baker to Mary Norman, April 21.

John Andrew to Manoe Andrew, April 25.

Simon Fraser to Sarah Sullivan, Aug. 16.

Peter Dunworth to Mary Anderson.

Joseph Law to Mary Sandiford.

Samuel Burnley to Elizabeth Stevens.

Daniel Stewart to Susanna Oswald.

1786.

Edward Sumner to Ann Quarterman, May 2.

1787.

Andrew Maybank to Mary Sandiford, Jan 18.

William Way to Hannah Donnom, Jan. 25.

John Croft to Elijah Sillavant, Feb. 15.

John Peacock to Ann Donnom, March 1.

Samuel Jones to Mary Way, March 22.

Thomas Quarterman to Renchie Norman, March 29.

Thomas Oswald to Mary Saltus, May 3.

Phillip Hornby to Susanna Dick, May 10.

Joseph Quarterman to Elizabeth Quarterman,
May 17.

Thomas Graves and Elizabeth Maxwell, May 22.

James Stacy to Susanna Winn, July.

1789.

Thos. E. Law to Margeret Carney, March 12.

Thomas Oswald to Ann Maxwell, May 3.

Elias Cassels to Sarah Jones, Dec. 10.

1790.

John Mitchell to Mary Maxwell, Jan 7.

Joseph Plummer to Mary Wells, Jan. 21.

Samuei Bacon to Judy Brown, Feb. 4.

John Way to Sarah Goulding, Feb. 15.

Rob. Iverson to Rebecca Cassels, March 9.

Artemas Baker to Sarah Baker, March 9.

Samuel Spencer to Ann Way, March 25.

Audley Maxwell to Mary Stevens, April 29.

John Winn to Martha Westbery, May 20.

Mr. Messeron to Ann Goulding, June 17.

John Elliott to Renshie Quarterman, July 1.

Joseph Winn to Mary Ann Burnley, July 29.

Rev. Abiel Holmes to Mary Stiles, Aug. 29.

1791.

Joseph Law, Jr., to Elizabeth Stevens, Feb. 10.

George Hughes to Mrs. Elizabeth Scarth,

April 14.

John Roberts to Mrs. Mary Baker, July 28.

Henry D. Stone to Mrs. Ann Oswald, Sept. 15.

Palmer Goulding to Jane Graham, Oct. 27.

Francis Ross to Mary Stacy, Oct. 27.

Thomas Shepard to Mrs. Mary Shepart, Dec. 3.

1792

Richard Gooper to Mrs. Mary Sallens, Feb. 23.

James Cole to Mrs. Hannah Way, Feb. 23.

John Croft to Mrs. Margaret Goulding, March 1.
William Norman to Rebecca Baker, June 21.
Audley Sandford to Jemima Taylor, July.

1793.

Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve to Mrs. Renchie Elliott,
Jan. 1.
James Smith to Seymour Munroe, Jan 8.
James Wilkinson to Sophia Oswald, Jan. 24.
Samuel Lines to Dorcas Jurdine, Feb. 7.
James Witherspoon to Mrs. Martha Winn, May 16.
Francis Smallwood to Mary Stafford, May 23.
James James to Kerenhappuck Powell, May 15.
Thos. E. Law to Sarah Sallens, May 23.
John Jones to Elizabeth Stewart, June 6.
William Baker to Mrs. Susanna Hornby, June 8.
John Fulton to Sarah Osgood, Sept. 12.
Francis Shepard to Mary Graves, Sept. 25.

1794.

Dr. Lathrop Holmes to Sarah Sumner, Jan. 30.
Jonathan Fabian to Esther Dean Ladson, Jan. 30.
Andrew Maybank to Elizabeth Girardeau, Feb. 16.
Josiah Osgood to Mary Fleming, July 24.
William Way to Elizabeth Bennett, Sept. 4.

1795.

Matthew Bennett to Mary Osgood, Jan 8.
John Bacon to Susannah Quarterman, March 9.
Samuel J. Axson to Mary Ann Girardeau, April.
Thomas Hughes to Mary Graves, May 5.
William Baker to Ann Stevens, Sept. 17.
John Elliott to Esther Dunwoody, Oct. 1.
Edward Stevens to Elizabeth Stevens, Nov. 5.

1796.

Samuel Stevens to Sarah Goulding, Jan. 5.
Gideon Dowse to Susanna Brown, Dec. 10.
James Sandiford to Elizabeth Baker, March 17.
Benjamin Law to Mrs. Mary Maybank, March 22.
John Quarterman to Ann Way, March 24.
John Bettis to Mrs. Elizabeth McIver, May 8.
James Wilkinson to Mary Ann Baker, June 9.
William J. Baker to Elizabeth Way, June 14.
Thomas Cox to Mary Taylor, June 23.
Charles Stewart to Christian Graham, July 16.
Josiah Osgood, Jr., to Ann Osgood, Aug. 11.

1797.

Joseph Stevens to Mary Sumner, Jan. 12.
John Mallard to Lydia Quarterman, March 7.
Elijah Baker to Mrs. Rebecca Norman, April 13.
Micajah Andrews to Ann Quarterman, May 31.
John Stacy to Sarah Quarterman, Nov. 23.

1798.

Andrew Walthour to Ann Hophmire, March 18.
Moultrie Maxwell to Margaret Stevens.
Edward Quarterman to Anna Winn, April 26.
William E. Way to Eliza Quarterman, May 10.
John Osgood, Sr., to Rebecca Baker, June 7.
William Fleming to Catherine Winn, July 19.
John Stewart to Susanna Graves, July 12.
Hugh McCollough to Mary Osgood, Oct. 11.
James Graham to Margaret Osgood, Nov. 1.
Jonathan Bacon to Mary Foster, Nov. 15.
John Fulton to Elizabeth Feaster, Dec. 6.

1799.

John Moore to Mary Jeffries, Jan. 1.

Joseph Jones to Mary Maybank, Jan. 16.
William Bell to Ann Beard, Feb. 21.
John Peacock to Ann Woodward, Feb. 21.
William Way, Sr., to Miss Hines, April 2,
Samuel Law to Mary Anderson, May 16.
Edward Stevens to Sarah Baker, May 27.
Liberty Holmes to Susanna Quarterman, June 6.
William Lambright to Mary Stewart, Aug. 17.
James Roberts to Hannah West.

1800.

William Peacock to Mary Peacock, Jan.
Lazarus Mallard to Elizabeth Wilson, Feb. 20.
Thomas Mallard to Sarah Wilson, March 6.
Moses Way to Mrs. Susanna Dowse, April 3.
William E. Way to Mrs. Ann Quarterman.
William Shephard to Ann McTeer, June 12.
Charles Walker to Elizabeth Baker, June 12.
Nathaniel Baker to Mrs. Ann Baker, July 1.
Dr. Thomas Stevens to Mrs. Mary Highes,
July 23.
Samson Ball to Elizabeth Warren, Oct.

1801.

Mr. Harral to Miss Brown, Feb. 11.
David Dicks to Ann Lambright, Feb. 19.
Thomas Bacon to Elizabeth Sumner, Feb. 26.
Thomas Smith to Mary Shave, March 12.
John Nelms to Mary Duncan, March 12.
John McCollough to Ann Scarth, May 12.
John Jones to Susanna Girardeau, Aug. 4.
William Girardeau, to Mary Wilson, Oct. 22.
Joseph Bacon to Mary Way, Dec. 10.

1802.

James Wilkinson to Miss Canady, Jan.
Charles Walker to Eliza Law, Jan.
John Osgood, Jr., to Mary Winn, Feb. 9.
William Baker to Sarah Mell, Feb. 11.
Nathaniel Law to Mrs. Mary Walker, Feb. 16.
Thomas Shepard to Jane Andrews, July 13.
Joseph Way, Jr., to Martha Hophmire, Aug. 17.
Samuel Saunders to Mrs. Fox, Aug. 26.
John McGowen to Mrs. Mary Harrall, Dec. 23.

1803.

Rev. Stephen Hoyt to Mrs. Margaret Croft,
July 21.
John Stewart to Mary S. West, Dec. 13.

1804.

James Sandiford to Sarah Shepard, Jan. 12.
John Stevens to Amarintha Munroe, Feb. 2.
William Roberts to Hannah G. Bradwell, Feb. 16.
James Roberts to Mrs. Eliza G. Roberts,
March 1.
John Woodison to Elizabeth Foster, March 15.
Thomas Shepard to Rebecca Baker, April 12.
Josiah Wilson to Mary Stewart, April 19.

1805.

Thomas Baker to Rebecca Burnley, Jan. 17.
William Fleming to Mrs. Anna Way, Feb. 5.
Thomas Baker, Jr., to Rebecca Winn, March 28.
John J. Baker to Mary Norman, May 9.
John Howell to Mrs. Margaret Hoyt, May 14.
Jesse Ham to Mrs. Mary Bennett.
John Stewart to Hepeworth Carter, Sept. 1.

Samuel Lewis to Susanna Mann, Aug. 22.
George Foster to Mrs. Sarah Stewart, Dec.
John Perry to Esther Scarth.

1806.

John Roberts to Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman,
Feb. 6.
Hugh Bennett to Elizabeth McCollough, Feb. 27.
Oliver Stevens to Eliza Winn, Feb. 27.
John Winn to Eliza Wilson, March 4.
Benjamin Winn to Charlotte Baker, March 6.
Jesse Cooper to Elizabeth Wooderson, May 29.
Robert Wheeler to Catharine Bacon, June 5.
Joseph Jones to Sarah Anderson, June 30.
Charlton Hines to Mary Quarterman, July 17.
Dr. Samuel J. Axson to Mrs. Ann Dix, Dec. 24.

1807.

Hepworth Baker to Ann Spencer, Jan 22.
Peter Farley Winn to Mary Baker, Feb. 3.
Thomas Quarterman to Elizabeth Osgood, Feb. 5.
Benjamin Mell to Cynthia Sumner, Feb. 19.
Samuel Dowse to Harriette Mann, Feb. 19.
Joseph Norman to Mary Wilson Stacy, March 26.
Daniel Sullivan to Esther Osgood.
Robert Quarterman to Rebecca Quarterman,
Sept. 1.
John Way and Rebecca Jones, Sept. 17.
Lazarus Mallard to Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Sept. 17

1808.

Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve to Mrs. Caroline
Wilkinson, May 12.
William N. Way to Mrs. Mary Baker, May 26..

James McCullough to Elizabeth Foundling, July 7.
Joseph McGowen and Emily Norman, Dec. 1.
John Kell to Barbary McIver, Dec. 22.

1809.

Thomas Quarterman to Elizabeth Peacock, Jan.
Charlton Hines to Mrs. Ann Bell, Feb. 9.
John Coleman to Mrs. Christian Stewart, Feb. 9.
Robert Stacy to Sarah Wood.
Nathaniel Law to Mrs. Sarah Groves.
Jesse Cooper to Maria Goulding, June 27.
Samuel Lewis to Mrs. Priscilla Way, July 30.
Peter Goulding to Elizabeth Nelms.
Orin Dudley to Margaret McCullough.

1810.

Daniel Stewart to Mrs. S. Lewis, March 6.
Thomas Bacon to Miss Holcomb (Savannah).
Samuel Stevens to Mrs. Mary McCullough,
March 22.
P. F. Winn to Mary F. Osgood, May 3.
John Smith to Anna Fryar, July 7.

1811.

John McCollough to Mrs. Elizabeth McCullough,
January.
Thomas Mallard to Mrs. Rebecca Baker, May 2.

1812.

Louis LeConte to Ann Quarterman, Jan. 30.
William Kilpatrick to Mary Ann Goulding,
March 26.
John S. Quarterman to Margaret Stacy, April 2.
William McGowen to Elizabeth Shave, Aug. 20.

John E. Fraser to Mary Sullivan.

James Phelps to Amarintha McGowen.

1813.

Andrew Fraser to Eliza Sullivan, August.

Daniel M. Stewart to Elizabeth Bacon, Oct. 7.

1814.

William Fraser to Mary Ann Osgood, Feb. 3.

Dr. Charles West to Miss Nephew, Feb. 10.

Donald Fraser to Flora Martin, March 17.

James Smylie to Mrs. S. Fraser.

Jonathan Bacon to Elizabeth H. Phelps, April 28.

Richard S. Baker to Mrs. Ann Baker.

1815.

Samuel Stevens to Mrs. Ann Spencer, June 22.

Thomas Baker to Margaret Cassells, September.

1816.

James Wilson to Sarah Bacon, Feb. 29.

1817.

John S. Quarterman to Susanna Myers, Feb. 19.

William L. Patrick to Mrs. Elizabeth McGowen,
June 19.

Joseph Andrews to Lydia Sylvester, June.

George Kershaw to Aramintha Baker, Oct. 28.

Samuel Jones, Jr., to Mary E. Law, Nov. 13.

Nathaniel Martin to Elvira Daniel, Dec. 8.

James S. Bullock to Hetty A. Elliott, Dec. 31.

1818.

John Elliott to Martha Stewart, Jan. 6.

Jonathan Bacon to Mrs. Mary Osgood, Jan. 8.

William H. Mell to Elizabeth Stewart, January.
Jedediah Fields to Sarah Bennett, January.
William Thompson to Susan J. Goulding, May.
Benjamin Mell, Jr., to Susan Stevens, May 27.
Nathan Williamson to Mrs. Margaret Howell, June.
Joseph Bacon to Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Oct. 22.
William Norman to Sarah Sandford, Nov. 17.
Samuel S. Law to Temperance Wood, Dec. 1.
Robert Quarterman to Mary J. Way, Dec. 3.
Mr. Bell to Martha Hart, Dec. 31.

1819.

John McGowen to Sarah Middleton, Jan. 5.
William Robarts to Mary Jackson, Jan. 8.
Mr. Hart to Ann Dunham, Jan. 8.
Lewis Hines to Mary Slee, Jan. 20.
Joseph Andrews to Dorcas Shave, Mar. 25.
John Shave to Margaret Winn (Dorien), April 15.
Wm. Spencer to Mary Bacon, June 2.
William Paul Fulton to Bethannah Ham, Oct. 21.
Benjamin Fuller to Margaret Sullivan.

1820.

John Williams to Eliza Shepard.
Moses Way to Sarah Ann Bacon.
Joseph Jones to Eliza Hart.
Major Minton to Miss Fabian.

1821.

James Laing to Margaret Martin, Jan. 3.
Quarterman Baker to Anna Lydia Mallard.
William Roberts to Sarah Law.
Mr. Harris to Mary Clay.
Simon A. Fraser to Sarah Martin.
Thomas Sandford to Eliza Baker.

Mr. Bowen to Ann Wilkins.

Dr. R. C. McConnell to Sarah Ann Walthour.

1822.

Dr. R. Harris to Mrs. Mary Jones, May 17.

Benjamin Fuller to Mary Ann Girardeau, June.

W. P. Girardeau to Jane Nelm, July 4.

Maj. John Bacon to Mary Hazzard.

William Spencer to Sarah Wilson, August.

Richard Baker to Mary Harville, Nov. 7.

_____Handly (Augusta) to Harriet Law, Nov. 28.

Dr. W. P. McConnell to Ann Dicks, November.

John Way to Eliza Stacy, January.

1823.

Jesse Cooper to Mrs. Clarissa Hoadly, January.

George W. Walthour to Mary Russell, January.

Wm. E. W. Quarterman to Jane Ferguson,
February.

William Jones to Mary J. Robarts, May 15.

James A. Maxwell and Susan M. Jones, Sept.

J. O. Baker to Adeline Fabian, December.

1824.

Danl. M. Stewart to Eliza Mary Eigleberger,
January.

Lewis Hines to Ann Mann, January.

Samuel Lines to Caroline Williams, March.

James Stacy to Mary McGowen.

Robert Lang to Lydia Mallard, April.

Edward Russell to Susan Way, May.

Matthew Bennett to Sarah Spencer, May.

1825.

John W. Stacy to Mary Bacon, Jan. 27.

Robt. P. Burton to Amarintha Roberts, May 17.
Roswell King to Julia R. Maxwell, Oct. 20.

1826.

Jos. E. Maxwell to Sarah M. Holmes, Jan. 26.
Jos. F. McGowen to Harriet R. Baker, Feb. 15.
Donald Fraser to Margaret R. Norman, March 2.
Elijah Baker to Mary Feaster, June 18.

1827.

James Martin to Mary Miller (Bullock Co.)
September.
Peter W. Fleming to Matilda Law, December.

1828.

Thomas Quarterman to Mrs. Sarah Norman,
June 3.
Washington Winn to Julia Wilson, June 19.

1829.

William Quarterman to Mary Dorsey, Jan. 31.
Dr. John S. Law to Jane Elliott, May 1.

1831.

Thomas Q. Cassels to Mary A. Mallard.

1839.

John B. Mallard to Miss E. P. Field, Dec. 26.

1845.

Wm. S. Norman to Susan L. Stacy, Jan. 23.
L. J. Mallard to Sarah Mell, Feb. 12.

1849.

Leander L. Varnedoe to Ann E. Mallard, Dec. 11.

1851.

John B. Mallard to Sarah W. Way, July 13.

1854.

W. G. Thomson to Mary E. King, March 30.

Dr. Jos. B. Way to Mary J. Martin, Dec. 27.

1855.

Capt. Peter Fleming to Amanda Baker, March 1.

Robert Quarterman to Mary E. Stacy, March 15.

1856.

Rev. D. L. Buttolph to Laura Maxwell, June 10.

Joseph Ladson to Ann Varnedoe, December.

1857.

Rev. R. Q. Mallard to Mary Jones, April.

Mr. Ashmore to Emma Shave.

Capt. R. McConnell to Leonora Jones.

Rev. F. H. Bowman to Mary King, November.

Rufus Varnedoe to Miss Rochambeau, November.

1858.

W. E. W. Quarterman to Mrs. Lydia Baker,
April.

1746.

William - to John and Elizabeth Quarterman,
Sept. 7.

1748.

Rebecca - to William Burnley, June 16.
Rebecca - to Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew,
March 19.

1750.

Mary - to Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew, Sept. 8.
Peter - to John and Sarah Winn, December 25.

1751.

Sarah - to John and Susanna Stewart, Nov. 17.
John - to Benjamin and Elizabeth Andrew,
Oct. 2.

1753.

Benjamin - to Benjamin and Elizabeth Andrew,
April 13.

1754.

Rebecca - to Samuel Bacon, April 16.
William - to Benjamin Baker, Sept. 14.
Elizabeth - to Benjamin Andrew, Sept. 25.

1755.

Mary - to Josiah Osgood, Feb. 21
John - to Edward Way, March 3.
Sarah - to John Quarterman, Jr., July 21.
Richard - to Richard Spencer, July 21.
Joseph - to Joseph Massey, Oct. 5.
Elizabeth - to Samuel Burnley, Oct. 16.

1756.

Elizabeth - to Daniel Donnom, January 7.
John - to Isaac Girardeau, Feb. 29.
Elizabeth - to Richard Baker, April 28.

Edward - to Edward Sumner, May 18.
Samuel - to Samuel and Mary Spry, May 11.
Daughter - to John Stewart, Jr.
Thomas - to Samuel Bacon, June 19.
Rebecca - to Benjamin Baker, July 20.
Susanna - to Benjamin Andrew, July 14.
Ann - to Andrew Way, July 28.
Harriette - to Nathaniel and Sarah Way, Aug. 26.
Lydia - to Moses Way, Nov. 23.
Charles - to William Dunnom, Dec. 5.
Sarah - to John Shave, Dec. 14.

1757.

Samuel - to Isaac Lines, Feb. 28.
Elizabeth to Josiah Osgood, Mar. 4.
Daughter - to John Quarterman, Sr., March 5.
Thomas - to John Elliott, April 11.
John - to Richard Spencer, July 3.
John - to Joseph Massey, July 10.
John - to William Graves, July 13.
Thomas - to John Graves, July 26.
Susanna - to Richard Girardeau, Aug. 7.
Mary - to Daniel Dunnom, October.
Stephen - to Stephen Clark, October.
Elizabeth - to John Quarterman, jr., Dec. 27.
Mary Hester to William Dunham.
Mary - to John Stevens.
Morgan - to Isaac Lines.

1758.

Lydia - to Richard Baker, Jan. 1.
Elizabeth - to Samuel Spry, January 10.
Samuel - to Benjamin Baker, March 31.
Joseph - to Samuel Bacon, Sept. 12.
Jemima - to John Quarterman, Sr.

John - to James Andrew, Sept. 14.
Nancy - to Edward Sumner, Oct. 18.
Rebecca - to Thomas Quarterman, Sept. 19.
Rebecca - to Richard Spencer, Nov. 10.
Susanna - to John Stewart, Jr., Nov. 21.
Thomas - Thomas Way.

1759.

James - to Josiah Powell, Jan. 3.
Amaretta - to John Elliott, Jan. 9.
Isaac - to Robert Smallwood, Feb. 13.
Sarah - to Nathaniel and Sarah Way, March 14.
Son - to Samuel Burnley, March 25.
Elizabeth - to Joseph Massey, March 31.
Daughter - to William Graves, April.
John - to Moses Way, May 3.
Thomas - to Andrew Way, May 12.
John - to Daniel Donnom.
Mary - to Richard Baker, July 16.
Sarah - to Isaac Hauskins, Aug. 19.
Ann - to William Baker, Jr., Sept. 5.
Hannah - to Benjamin Andrew, October 16.
Martha - to William Donnom, Oct. 16.
Child - to Richard Girardeau, Oct. 22.
Royal - to Royal Spry, Nov. 6.
Ann - to Strong Ashmore, Dec. 12.
James - to James Harley, Dec. 28.
John - to John Quarterman, Jr., Dec. 30.

1760.

Hannah - to Stephen Clark, Jan. 17.
Mary Rebecca - to Wm. Thos. Quarterman,
May 13.
Mary - to Samuel Burnley, May 16.
Nathaniel - to Benjamin Baker, May 25.

John - to Isaac Lines, July 8.
Thomas - to James Andrew, July 20.
Richard - to John Quarterman, Sr., July 27.
Son - to Edward Sumner, Aug. 17.
Thomas - to William Graves, Sept. 28.
Ann - to Isaac Girardeau, Oct. 4.
Mary Ann - to Palmer Goulding, Oct. 13.
William - to Samuel Bacon, Oct. 15.
Ann - to Isaac Girardeau, Nov. 4. M
Matthew - to Matthew Small wood, Nov. 10.
John - to John Mitchell, Nov. 12.
Benjamin - to Joseph Massey, Dec. 4.

1761.

Francis Lamon - to James Harley, March 3.
Daughter - to Richard Sumner, March 23.
Sarah - to Daniel Dunnom, May 20.
Son - to Benjamin Andrew, July.
Rebecca - to Isaac Hauskins.
Lydia - to Joseph and Mary Andrew, Sept. 28.
Richard - to Richard Baker, Dec. 28.
Josiah - to Samuel Spry, Sept. 9.
Daughter - to Henry Saltus, Nov. 13.
Daughter - to William Swinton, Nov. 13.
Son - to Thomas Christie, Nov. 13.
Richard - to Richard Baker, Dec. 28.
John - to John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 10.

1762.

Sarah - to William Baker, Sr., March 26.
Mary - to Joseph Way, March 10.
Mary - to Joseph Way, March 30.
Daughter - to Edward Gilman, March 25.
Joseph - to Benjamin Baker, April 21.

William - to John Quarterman, Jr., April 3.
William - to Richard Spencer, July 2.
Joseph - to Thomas Way, July 4.
Archibald - to Thomas Christie.
Dorcas - to Daniel Donnom.
Josiah - to Palmer Goulding.
William - to Moses Way.
John - to John Baker.

1763.

Son - to Barak Norman, Feb. 22.
Son - to Richard Girardeau.
William Jeans - to William Baker, Jr.
Sarah - to William Graves, May 12.
Mary - to Daniel Swillavant, July 16.
Daughter - to Robert Smallwood.
John James - to John Martin, Aug. 4.
Hannah - to Isaac Lines.
Kerenhappuck - to Josiah Powell.
John - to Thomas Peacock.
Mary - to Joseph Oswald.
James - to John Stacy, June 17.
Mary Rose - to Frederick Holzendorff.
Daughter - to Joseph Massey.

1764.

Mary - to James Andrew, April 14.
William - to William Wilson, May 4.
Elizabeth - to Audley Maxwell, Jr., May 8.
Joseph - to Joseph Way, May 11.
William - to Richard Baker, May 27.
Ann - to Isaac Lines.
Pattey - to Stephen Clark, Sept. 7.
Charles - to Joseph Andrew, Sept. 28.

John - to James Stewart.

Thomas - to Samuel Burnley, Nov. 8.

Daughter - to John Graves, November 19.

Susanna - to Thomas Way.

Thomas - to Daniel Swillavant, Nov. 19.

Christopher - to Benjamin Baker, Nov. 22.

Sarah - to Benjamin Andrew, Dec. 19.

1765.

Barak Gibbons - to John Martin, March 24.

Rebecca - to Samuel Jones, June 27.

1766.

James and Audley - to James Maxwell.

James - to John Witherspoon.

James - to David Witherspoon, March 4.

Elizabeth - to Daniel Sillavant, Oct. 22.

James - to James Stewart, Oct. 31.

Anna - to Richard Baker, Nov. 4.

1767.

Mary Buer - to Benjamin Andrew, Jan. 27.

Mary - to John and Sarah Stacy, May 1.

Ann - to Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew, May 4.

Samuel - to Samuel Jones, Oct. 5.

1768.

Jacob - to William and Mary Dunham, April 28.

Sarah - to John and Sarah Winn, Aug. 29.

John - to John and Rebecca Davis, Nov. 26.

Elizabeth - to James and Ann Maxwell, Dec. 18.

Joseph - to Joseph and Ann Stevens, Dec. 23.

Sarah - to Daniel and Mary Sillavant, Dec. 25.

1769.

William - to John and Sarah Stacy, March.
Susanna - to Thomas and Susanna Sillvant, March.
Sarah - to Richard and Elizabeth Baker, April 18.
Sanders - Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew, May 3.
Lydia - to Benjamin and Mary Andrews, July 11.
Mary - to Samuel and Rebecca Jones, Aug. 6.
Josiah - to Josiah and Mary Bacon, Nov. 13.
Elijah - to Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 15.
Gideon - to Gideon and Ann Dowse, Sept. 18.
Daniel - to Daniel and Elizabeth Dunham, Nov. 15.

1770.

Sarah - to Ann and Elizabeth Stevens, Nov. 16.

1771.

William - to William and Sarah Quarterman,
Feb. 28.
Mary - to Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Jan. 11.
Elizabeth - to John and Margaret Stevens,
April 20.
Joseph - to James and Ann Maxwell, July 20.
Sarah - to Samuel and Rebecca Jones, July 23.
Samuel - to Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
July 26.
John to Thomas and Sarah Parapheana Maxwell,
Sept. 7.
Ann - to John and Rebecca Elliott, Sept. 8.
Josiah - to James and Susanna Stewart, Oct. 17.
Elizabeth - to Benjamin and Mary Andrew, Oct. 18.
John - to Paul and Sarah Fulton, Oct. 15.
Susanna - to Palmer and Mary Goulding, Oct. 14.
Child - to James and Hester Screven, Dec. 4.

1772.

Samuel - to John and Sarah Goulding, Jan. 11.

Daughter - to Thomas and Elizabeth Peacock,
Jan. 12.

William - to William and Jean Bennett, Feb. 18.

Child - to Mr. Bennett, Feb. 18.

Ann - Daniel and Mary Swillivant, Feb. 18.

Thomas - Jonathan and Rebecca Bacon, Feb. 27.

Mary Ann - to Samuel and Rebecca Burnley,
Feb. 28.

Rebecca - to Richard Baker, March 11.

John - to John and Sarah Winn, April 12.

Son - to Josiah Bacon, May 14.

John - to William and Sally Bacon, June 9.

Martha Milner - Samuel and Susanna Saltus,
Aug. 18.

Margaret - Parmenas, jr., and Martha Way,
Aug. 31.

William - to William and Mary Norman, Sept. 26.

Ann - Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Sept. 29.

Elizabeth - to William and Elizabeth Way,
October 31.

Susanna Sumner - to Wm. and Elizabeth Simpson,
Nov. 6.

John - to William and Rebecca Graves, Nov. 7.

Elizabeth - to John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 28.

James Edward - to James and Ann Maxwell,
Dec. 28.

1773.

Josiah - to Josiah and Margaret Osgood, Jan. 12.

John - to Thomas and Catherine Bacon, March 10.

Elizabeth - to Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman,
Feb. 23.

Susanna - to William Bacon, March 13.

Elizabeth - to William and Hannah Baker, May 17.
Hugh - to Gideon and Susanna Dowse, Aug. 15.
Susanna - William and Sarah Quarterman,
Aug. 20.
Ann - to Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 24.
John - to John and Rebecca Elliott, Oct. 24.
Elizabeth - to John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 26.
Son - to Strong and Rebecca Ashmore, Dec. 18.
Elizabeth - to Edward Ball.
Joseph - to Joseph and Ann Stevens, Sept. 16.
Son - to Daniel Sillivant, Oct. 27.
Sarah Dickinson - to John and Martha Mitchell,
Nov. 2.
Daughter - to William and Sally Bacon, Nov. 7.
Ann - to Joseph and Sarah Way, Dec. 14.
Thomas - to Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bacon,
Dec. 31.

1774.

Thomas - to Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
Jan. 15.
Susanna - to James and Susanna Stewart, Jan. 16.
Francis - to Thomas Shephard, Jan. 15.
Sally - to William Bacon, Feb. 9.
Hannah - to Nathaniel and Sallie Plummer,
April 6.
Elizabeth - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
June 30.
Susanna - to William, Sr., and Hannah Baker,
Nov. 13.
Robert - John and Sarah Winn, Nov. 25.
Sarah - Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Dec. 5.
Son - to Parmenas and Sarah Way (lived but 10
hours).
Son - to Thomas and Sarah Maxwell, November.

1775.

Susanna - to John and Sarah Stacy, Jan. 25.
Sarah - to Thomas and Sarah Sumner, Feb. 4.
William - to William and Elizabeth Way, Feb. 9.
John Stewart - to William and Sarah Quarterman,
May 29.
Samuel - to Joseph Law, June 2.
Margaret - to John and Margaret Stevens, June 4.
Ann - to John Osgood, Sept. 23.

1776.

John - to John and Jemima Way, Jan. 12.
Mary - to William and Ann Graves, Jan. 15.
Sarah - to William and Elizabeth Baker, Jan. 27.
Hugh - to James and Mary McCollough, Jan. 29.
Daniel and David - to Francis and Mary Brown,
Feb. 2.
Sarah - to John and Sarah Winn, June 16.
Amarintha - to Daniel and Amarintha Roberts,
June 28.
Daughter - to Samuel Stevens, July 3.
Elizabeth - to Samuel Saltus, Sept. 19.
Thomas - to John and Sarah Stacy, Sept. 23.
——— to James and Mary Screven, Sept. 24.
Susanna - to Gideon Dowse.
Edward - to William and Elizabeth Way, Oct. 17.
Sarah - to Palmer and Mary Goulding, October.
Son - to Daniel and Mary Sillavant, Oct. 30.
Samuel - to Samuel and Rebecca Burnley, Oct. 29.
or 30.
Sarah - to Joseph and Ann Stevens, Nov. 28.

1777.

Jemima - to Nathan and Susanna Taylor, April 19.
Son - Thomas and Rebecca Quarterman, May 25.

William - to Edward and Rebecca Ball, May 31.
William Elliott - to John and Jemima Way,
July 13.
Sarah - to Thomas and Sarah Stevens, Sept. 12.
Elizabeth - Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
Sept. 16.
Benjamin Farley - to Peter and Mary Winn,
Sept. 20.
Charles - to David and Susanna Dicks, Oct. 12.
Thomas - to Thomas and Catharine Baker,
Nov. 4.
Joseph - to Joseph and Sarah Way, Nov. 4.
John - to John and Esther Osgood, Nov. 21.
Jean - to Isham and Rebecca Andrews, Dec. 11.
Edward - to Daniel and Mary Sillavant, Dec. 12.
John - to John and Margaret Stevens, Dec. 13.
William - to Thomas and Catharine Bacon,
Dec. 27.

1778.

Mary - to William and Elizabeth Baker, Jan. 31.
Edward - to Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman,
Jan. 25.
Ann - to Edward and Mary Way, Feb. 1.
Thomas - to Lazarus and Mary Mallard, April 13.
Son - to William and Sarah Bacon, April 13.
Sarah - to John and Sarah Winn, April 26.
Sarah - to John and Sarah Stacy, May 3.
William - to James and Jane Fleming.
Samuel - to Samuel and Susanna Saltus, July 24.
James - to James and Mary McCollough, Aug. 28.
Sarah - to John and Mary Roberts, Sept. 12.
Daughter - to Parmenas, Jr., and Martha Way,
Oct.
John Ichabod - to John Baker, B, and Hariette,
Oct. 19.

Benjamin - to Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker,
Oct. 22.

Daughter - to David and Mary Anderson, October.

Sarah - to William and Sarah Quarterman, Oct. 22.

Daughter - to Robert and Mary Saltus, October.

Son - to Nathan and Elizabeth Brownson, October.

Joseph - to Joseph and Lydia McGowen, Nov. 14.

Thomas - to John and Harriette Baker.

1779.

David J. - to David and Susanna Dicks, Nov. 20.

John Osgood and Sampson Edward - to Edward
and Rebecca Ball, Nov.

Sarah - to Thomas and Sarah Bacon, October.

John - to John and Rebecca Norman.

Elizabeth - to John and Sarah Winn, April 10.

Sarah Osgood - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
Sept. 21.

John - to Peter and Mary Winn, Dec. 4.

Sarah - to Thomas Bacon, October.

David James - to David and Susanna Dicks.
Nov. 20.

John Osgood and Samson Edward - to Edward
Ball, Nov.

Mary Osgood - to Thomas and Sarah Sumner,
May 8.

John - to John Norman.

1780.

William to Samuel Stevens, Jan. 7.

Thomas - to John and Harriet Baker, April 20.

Mary - to John and Esther Osgood, May 9.

William - to Edward and Mary Sumner, Oct. 26.

Thomas - to Thomas and Sarah Stevens, Dec. 20.

Robert - to John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 26.

Lydia - to Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman.

1781.

Margaret - to Josiah Osgood.

Elizabeth - to Wm. and Sarah Quarterman,
Sept. 24.

Dupree - to Thos. and Elizabeth Maxwell,
Sept. 20.

1782.

Catharine - to John and Sarah Winn, June 17.

Daughter - Edward and Mary Sumner, Dec. 13.

William - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
Sept. 28.

Anna - to Peter and Mary Winn, June 19.

Benjamin Baker - to Samuel and Susanna Saltus.
July 25.

William - to John and Harriette Baker, July 26.

1783.

Elizabeth - to Thomas and Sarah Sumner,
Sept. 17.

William - to Thomas and Sarah Stevens,
March 26.

Sarah E. - to John and Esther Osgood, Feb. 19.

Sarah - to James Wilson, Sept. 10.

1784.

Mary - to Joseph, Jr., and Sarah Way, April 23.

Susanna - to Thomas Quarterman, Jr., Jan. 20.

Benjamin - to John and Sarah Winn, April 22.

Daughter - to Edward and Mary Sumner, Sept. 4.

Mary - to Peter and Mary Winn, Oct. 29.

Richard - to Thomas and Rebecca Baker, Dec. 26.

Richard - to William and Sarah Quarterman,
July 1.

1785.

William - to Thomas and Elizabeth Maxwell,
May 1.

Rebecca - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
Jan. 25.

Ann - to Thomas and Sarah Sumner, April 5.

Son - to Joseph and Ann Oswald, April 27.

Daughter - to _____ Sutton, Nov. 4.

William - to James Wilson, Dec. 1.

1786.

Esther - to John and Esther Osgood, Jan. 7.

Thomas - to Thomas Goulding, March 14.

Rebecca - to John and Sarah Winn, April 30.

Daughter - to John Screven.

Child - to Jonathan and Elizabeth Scarth.

Son - to William and Mary Baker.

Mary - to Jonathan Scarth, Sept. 4.

Rebecca - to Richard Girardeau, Sept. 22.

Samuel - to Gideon Dowse, Oct. 10.

Rebecca - to William Quarterman, Oct. 6.

John Osgood - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
Nov. 27.

Ann - to Thomas Sumner, Dec. 23.

Amarintha - to Joseph Way, Jr., Oct. 7.

Peter Farley - to Peter and Mary Winn, Dec. 5.

Josiah - to Joseph and Mary McCollough, Dec. 13.

1787.

William - to William and Hannah Way, November.

Hannah Gwin - to Thomas Bradwell, September.

Martha - to Charles Dunnom.

Mary - to John Peacock.

1788.

John Osgood - to James and Elizabeth Way,
April 27.

Son - to William and Sarah Quarterman, Sept. 9.

1789.

Joseph - to Joseph Way, Jr., Oct. 13.

Elizabeth - to John and Rebecca Osgood, Jan. 17.

Mary Elizabeth - to Thomas Goulding, May 17.

Sarah - to Richard Girardeau, Aug. 11.

Gideon - to William and Elizabeth Baker,
Aug. 19.

Elizabeth - to James and Elizabeth Wood, Aug. 22.

Elizabeth - to James Wilson, December.

Thomas Dowse - to Thomas Bradwell, Dec. 22.

Mary Wilson - to John Stacy, Dec. 23.

Samuel - to Samuel Bird.

Nancy - to Whitmarsh Baker.

1790.

Charlotte - to William J. and Mary Baker,
Jan. 27.

Daughter - to William Baker, B, January.

Samuel - to John Lambright, Feb. 2.

Daughter - to Thomas and Ann Oswald, Feb. 13.

Elizabeth - to Leonard Jurdine, Feb. 15.

Son - to John and Rebecca Norman, Feb. 16.

Mary Esther - to Charles Dunnom, Feb. 17.

Cynthia - to Thomas Sumner, March 25.

Elizabeth Sumner - to Peter Winn, April 2.

Millicent - to Joel and Mary Walker, Aug. 6.

John - William and Hannah Way, Sept. 6.

John - to John and Sarah Way, Oct. 6.

Lewis to Thomas Shepard, Sept. 3.

Rebecca - to Joseph Quarterman, Oct. 7.
Richard - to Richard Girardeau, Oct. 27.
Jane Wells - to Joseph Plummer, Nov. 13.
Charles - to William West, Nov. 19.
Sarah - to Robert Iverson, Dec. 13.
Artemas - to Artemas Baker, November.
Ann - to Samuel Spencer, December 31.
Daughter - to Samuel Bacon, Dec. 31.

1791.

John - to John and Martha Winn, Jan. 24.
Arlissa - to William and Sarah Quarterman,
Feb. 13.
Ann Elizabeth - to John Peacock, Feb. 14.
Mary - to James and Mary McCullough, Jan. 25.
William - to John and Renchie Elliott, March 24.
Margaret - to William McCollough, July 7.
Daniel - to William and Elizabeth Baker, Aug. 17.
Thos. Quarterman and Rebecca Bacon - to Jno.
and Rebecca Norman, Oct. 17.
Daniel McLochlan - to Daniel and Susannah
Stewart, Oct. 21.
William - to Elias and Sarah Cassels, Dec. 4.
Thomas - to Rebecca Quarterman, Dec. 23.

1792.

Daughter - to Whitmarsh and Ann Baker, Feb. 12.
Rebecca - to Samuel and Mary Jones, Feb. 12.
Ann - to James and Blizabeth Wood, March 4.

1793.

Margaret - to John and Margaret Stacy, May 2.
Maria - to John and Mary Mitchell, June 14.
Joseph - to Joseph and Elizabeth Law, July 10.
Thomas Sumner - to Peter and Ann Winn, July 16.

Child - to Palmer and Jane Goulding, August.
Samuel - to Robert and Rebecca Iverson, Aug. 4.
Samuel - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, Sep. 28.
William - to Francis and Mary Ross, Oct. 7.
Mary Ann - William and Patience Girardeau,
October.
William - to Richard and Mary Cooper, Nov. 28.
Sarah - to Joseph and Sarah Way, Jr.
Thomas Graves - John and Sarah Way, Jan. 7.
James - to James and Elizabeth Wilson, Jan. 7.
William - to John and Rebecca Osgood, January.
Son - to Audley and Jemima Sandiford, March 31.
Mary - to Richard and Ann Girardeau, April 19.
James Sharp - Thomas and Mary Bradwell,
April 26.
Child - to Joseph and Sarah Way, July.
John - to Elias and Sarah Cassels.
Ann - to Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman,
Oct. 26.
Cyrus - to Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, Oct. 29.
Samuel Jurdine - Mrs. Dorcas Lines, Nov. 10.
John - to Simon and Sarah Fraser, November.
Ann Washington - to James and Sophia Wilkinson,
November 15.
Sophia - to Daniel Stewart.
Eliza - to Joseph Law, Jr.

1794.

William - to William and Rebecca Norman,
Feb. 25.
Son - to James and Martha Witherspoon.
Ann - to Samuel and Mary Jones, March 23.
Sarah - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, May 4.
Artaxerxes - Richard and Sarah Norman,
May 24.

William - to Richard Shave, May 10.
Daughter - to Stephen Baker, August.
Abiel - to Peter and Nancy Winn, Sept. 9.
Elizabeth - to John and Elizabeth Jones, Sept. 11.
Daughter - Francis Smallwood, Sept. 21.
Nathaniel - to Samuel and Elizabeth Bacon,
Sept. 26.
Stephen - to Thomas and Elizabeth Cater, Oct. 8.
William Francis - Francis and Mary Shepard,
Oct. 22.
John - to John and Sarah Fulton, Oct. 26.
Moses William - to John and Sarah Way, Dec. 6.
William - to George and Eliza Hughes.
Ann Jemima - to Thomas and Sally Mell, Nov. 4.

1795.

Andrew - Simon and Sarah Fraser, Jan. 22.
Mary - to Francis and Mary Ross, Jan. 30.
Thomas - to William and Susanna Baker, Jan. 30.
Samuel - to Joseph and Eliza Law, Feb. 24.
John - to Joseph and Sarah Way, March 8.
Daughter - to John and Esther Fabian, April.
Son - to Daniel and Mary Sillivant.
William - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, Aug. 20.
Susanna - to Daniel and Susannah Stewart,
Sept. 14.
Rebecca to John and Rebecca Osgood, Sept. 30.
Mary Fleming - to Josiah and Mary Osgood,
Sept. 30.
Elizabeth Bennett - to William and Elizabeth
Way, Oct. 5.
Matthew - to Matthew and Mary Bennett,
November 5.
William - to Robert and Rebecca Iverson, Aug. 9.
Augustus - to James Wood, Nov. 15.

Daughter - to Richard and Mary Cooper, Nov. 22.
Elias - to Elias and Sarah Cassels, Nov. 24.
James Blakely - to James and Martha Wither-
spoon, Nov. 25.
William Camp - to Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve,
Dec. 6.
John - to Thomas and Mary Bradwell, December.
Daughter - to Thomas and Mary Bradwell, Dec.

1796.

James Audley - to Audley and Mary Maxwell,
January.
Son - to Joel and Mary Walker, January.
Amanda - to Samuel J. and Mary Axson, Feb.
John - to James and Mary McCullough, March 2.
William Quarterman - to John and Susanna Bacon,
March 16.
Joseph - to Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman,
April 26.
Mary Elizabeth - to Rebecca Norman, May 7.
John - to William and Patience Girardeau,
May 27.
Samuel - to Samuel and Mary Jones, July.
Samuel - to Samuel and Elizabeth Bacon, July 17.
Melenna - Joseph and Eliza Law, Jr., Aug. 11.
Samuel - to Samuel and Sarah Stevens, Sept. 15.
Orlando - Francis and Mary Shepard, Oct. 10.
Daughter - to Edward and Eliza Stevens, Nov. 26.
William Graves - to John and Sarah Way,
December.
John Edward - to John and Ann Quarterman,
December.

1797.

Daughter - to John and Eliza Sandiford, Jan. 8.

Joseph Benjamin - to Benjamin and Mary Law,
Dec. 27.

Samuel - to Richard Norman, Jan. 28.

Son - to John and Sarah Fulton, Feb. 8.

Son - to William and Ann Baker, Sept. 20.

Mary Newton - to John and Elizabeth Jones,
April 24.

Louisa - to John and Margaret Croft, May 7.

Evelina - to Charles and Ann Dunham, May 15.

Daughter - to John and Esther Dean Fabian.

Sarah - to Peter and Nancy Winn, July 18.

William - to William J. and Elizabeth Baker,
July 26.

Polly - to George and Elizabeth Hughes, July 29.

Benjamin and John - to Thomas and Sally Mell,
July 30.

Charles Francis - to Joel and Mary Walker,
Sept. 5.

William Henry - to Elias and Sarah Cassels,
Sept. 22.

Son - to John and Sarah Austin, Sept. 3.

Mary - to Matthew and Mary Bennett, September.

William - to John and Rebecca Osgood, Oct. 29.

Esther A. - to John and Esther Elliott, Dec. 2.

Mary A - to Josiah and Ann Osgood, Dec. 11.

Mary Valeria - Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Dec. 15.

Daughter - to William Stevens, Dec. 31.

1798.

Son - to Richard and Mary Esther Cooper, Jan. 2.

Mary Esther - to James and Eliza Sandiford,
Jan. 3.

Joseph Oswald - to Daniel and Susanna Stewart,
Jan. 14.

Son - to Simon and Sarah Fraser, Feb. 7.

Daughter - to Jacob and Sarah Wood, Feb. 9.

Elizabeth - to Richard and Ann Shave.

Daughter - Samuel J. Axson, March.

Elizabeth Q. - to John and Lydia Mallard, April 22.

William - to James and Mary McCullough, May 7.

Susannah - to Francis and Mary Ross, May 8.

Miriam E. - Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman, May 16.

Susan S. - Daniel Myers, Sept. 22.

Joseph - to Micajah and Ann Andrews, June 12.

Mary - to Thomas Cox, April 12.

William - James and Martha Witherspoon, July 23.

Elizabeth Mary - to Samuel and Sarah Stevens, Aug. 16.

Joseph Stevens - to William and Ann Baker, Aug. 17.

Sally - to John and Susanna Bacon, Aug. 30.

Daughter - to Joseph and Eliza Law, Aug. 31.

Harriet E. - to John and Margaret Croft, September.

James A. - to Charles and Christian Stewart, April 24.

Washington - to Peter and Nancy Winn, Oct. 27.

William Pickney - William and Patience Girardeau, Nov. 3.

John William - to John and Sarah Stacy, Nov. 3.

William - to John and Ann Quarterman, Nov. 24.

Joseph - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, Dec. 27.

1799.

Samuel - to Audley and Mary Maxwell, Jan. 5.

Quarterman - to William and Eliza Way, Jan. 25.

- Daughter - to Samuel J. and Mary A. Axson,
March.
- Patsy - to Daniel and Susanna Stewart, March.
- George Washington to Andrew and Ann Walthour,
Feb. 24.
- Daughter - to William and Catherine Fleming,
April 21.
- Daughter - to John and Susanna Stewart, May 11.
- John Bacon - to Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman
July 18.
- Mary Rebecca - to Jonathan and Mary Bacon,
Sept. 16.
- Sarah O. - to Matthew and Mary Bennett,
September.
- Ann R. - to William and Ann Bell.
- William Paul - to John and Elizabeth Fulton,
Oct. 26.
- Josiah B. - Charles and Christian Stewart,
October 26.
- Daughter - to Thomas and Mary Hornby, Dec. 8.
- Abigail - to James and Kerenhappuck James,
Aug. 14.
- John - to John and Lydia Mallard, Dec. 24.

1800.

- Sarah Margaret - to John and Margaret Croft,
Jan. 24.
- Sarah - to Richard and Amey Shave, Jan. 14.
- Jane Mary - to P. H. and Ann Wilkins, March 3.
- Amarintha K. - Rev. C. Gildersleeve, March 18.
- John S. - to Joseph and Elizabeth Law, March.
- David Anderson - to Samuel and Mary Law,
March.
- Eliza - to Samuel and Sarah Stevens, March.
- Margaret R - to Elias and Sarah Cassels.

Edward Way - to John S. and Ann Quarterman,
March 31.

Son - to Edward and Sarah Stevens, April 3.

Daughter - to Palmer and Jane Goulding,
March 25.

Son - to Josiah and Ann Osgood, April 30.

William Thomas - John and Patience Mell,
May 2.

Thomas - to Samuel and Mary Jones.

Child - to Francis and Mary Shepard, Oct. 11.

Edward Q. - Micajah and Ann Andrews, Oct. 26.

Child - to Andrew and Ann Walthour.

Artemas - to William J. and Elizabeth Baker.

William Q. - Elijah and Rebecca Baker, Dec. 11.

William West - to James and Hannah Roberts,
Dec. 14.

1801.

Sanford - Liberty and Susannah Holmes, Jan. 5.

Daughter - to John and Susannah Stewart,
January.

Mary A. F. - to John and Elizabeth Fulton,
March 1.

Daughter to John and Elizabeth Jones, Feb. 23.

Thomas S. - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, May 13.

Susanna R. - to Thomas and Mary Stevens.

Mary Jemima - to William E. and Ann Way,
May 25.

Daughter - to John and Susannah Bacon, July 24.

Daughter - to Joseph and Mary Jones, July 25.

Daughter - to George and Elizabeth Hughes,
Aug. 12.

James - to John and Sarah Stacy, Sept. 1.

Son - to Charles and Christian Stewart, Oct. 27.

Son - to Samson and Elizabeth Ball, Sept. 29.

Child - to Francis and Mary Shepard.

Child - to Thomas and Mary Hornby.
Child - to David and Ann Dix, Dec. 28.
John - to John and Hester Elliott.
Susanna - to Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman,
December 28.
Child - to Joseph Quarterman, Dec. 28.

1802.

Dorcas - to Richard and Amey Shave, Jan. 3.
James H. - to High and Mary McCollough,
March 3.
Mary - to John and Lydia Mallard, March 11.
Elizabeth S. - to John and Patience Mell,
April 9.
Susanna - to Elias and Sarah Cassels.
William - to Samuel and Mary Jones.
Son - to Rev. C. Gildersleeve, July 16.
Daughter - to James and Margaret Graham,
July 11.
Elizabeth - to Thomas and Mary Smith, Aug. 2.
Son - to John and Susanna Jones.
Child - to Joseph and Mary Jones.
Child - to James Wilkinson.
Joseph Edward - to Audley and Mary Maxwell.
Lydia Way - to Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Nov. 1.
Samuel - to John and Elizabeth Fulton, Nov. 2.
William E. W. - to John S. Quarterman and Ann,
Dec. 15.
Edmond J. - to Nathaniel and Mary Law.

1803.

Ann R. - to Micajah and Ann Andrews, March 11.
Samuel - to William J. and Elizabeth Baker,
March 9.

Sarah R. - to Samuel and Ann Spencer, April 8.

Daughter - to William and Ann Bell.

Son - to Thomas and Elizabeth Bacon.

William H. - to William and Sarah Baker.

Thomas Martin - to Samuel and _____ Sanders.

William - to Dr. Thomas and Mary Stevens.

May 26.

Thomas Jane - to Thomas and Jane Shepard,

June 30.

Daughter - to Richard and Elizabeth Fielder,

July 14.

Ann Oswald - to Peter and Nancy Winn, July 31.

Rebecca J. - to John and Esther Elliott, July.

William J. - to William and Priscilla Way,

Aug. 1.

Mary S. - to Joseph and Mary Bacon, Aug. 4.

Child - to Joseph and Elizabeth Law, Sept. 4.

Sarah E. - to Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Oct. 7.

Sarah A. - to Andrew and Ann Walthour, Oct. 9.

Daughter - to Francis and Mary Shepard, Oct. 16.

William B. - William and Cathherine Fleming,

November.

Rebecca - to Thomas and Mary Smith.

Child - to Samuel and Rebecca Law.

1804.

Ann Lydia - to John and Lydia Mallard, July 15.

Silas - to John and Elizabeth Fulton, July 28.

Joseph F. - to John and Mary McGowen, Aug. 17.

Thomas Newton - to Thomas and Sarah Mallard,

Aug. 23.

John - to William and Sarah Baker.

Elizabeth Q. - to John and Sarah Stacy, Oct. 25.

Son - to William and Mary Lambright, November.

Child - to John and Amarintha Stevens, December.

Sarah S. - John S. and Ann Quarterman, Dec. 3.

1805.

Son - to John and Elizabeth Woodison.

Child - to John and Susanna Jones.

Josiah S. - to Josiah and Mary Wilson, Jan. 28.

Eliza Esther - to Thomas and Rebecca Shepard.

Child - to James and Sarah Sandiford.

Thomas - to Samuel and Sarah Stevens, March 2.

Son - to Micajah and Ann Andrews, March 23.

Daughter - to William J. and Elizabeth Baker,
April.

Daughter - to William and Priscilla Way, April.

Son - to Samuel and Mary Jones, April.

Samuel - to Mrs. Ann Spencer.

Son - to Paul Grimbball, April 1.

Son - to Thomas and Mary Smith, Aug. 2.

Sarah E. - to Thomas and Mary Stevens, August.

Daughter - to Nathaniel and Mary Law.

Elizabeth - to Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Sept. 15.

Robert - to Liberty and Susannah Holmes, Nov. 17.

Son - to William and Anna Fleming, Nov. 23.

1806.

Son - to Thomas and Rebecca E. Baker, Jan. 6.

Edward - to John S. and Ann Quarterman, Jan. 25.

Susannah Q. - to John and Susanna Bacon, Jan. 25.

Daughter - to Richard and Elizabeth Fielder,
Jan. 29.

Harriet R. - to John and Mary Baker, Feb. 10.

Son - to Samuel and Ann Sanders.

Child - to John and Elizabeth Fulton.

Child - to Elias and Sarah Cassels.

Son - to Thomas and Rebecca Baker.

Child - to William and Mary Lambright.

Josiah O. - to Jesse and Mary Ham, November.
Ann Eliza -- Oliver and Eliza Stevens, Oct. 31.
Child - to William and Hannah G. Stevens,
November.
Richard S. - to Thomas and Mary Smith, Dec. 14.
Mary J. - to John and Elizabeth Roberts.
Daughter - to Josiah and Mary Wilson.

1807.

Child - to John and Ann Peacock.
Ann Catherine - to Thomas and Elizabeth Bacon,
April.
Peter Winn - to William and Anna Fleming,
May 1.
Son - to Hugh and Elizabeth Bennett, May 18.
Ezra - to John and Sarah Stacy, May 31.
Sarah Jane - to Micajah and Ann Andrews,
June 10.
James Wilson - to John and Eliza Winn, Aug. 1.
Mary Ann - to Joseph and Martha Way, Aug. 9.
Sarah Sumner - to Joseph and Mary Bacon,
Oct. 13.
Mary Ann - to Benjamin and Cynthia Mell, Oct. 11.
Mary - to Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Oct. 26.
Hannah Caroline - to Rev. C. Gildersleeve,
Oct. 28.
Sarah Wilson - to Thomas and Sarah Mallard,
Dec. 5.
John - to John and Susanna Bacon, Dec. 5.
John - to John and Susanna Bacon, Dec. 14.

1808.

Son - to Thomas and Elizabeth Quarterman,
January.
Mary Catharine - to Benjamin and Charlotte Winn.

Mary Elizabeth - to Charlton and Mary Hines,
Feb. 14.

Margaret Rebecca - to Joseph and Mary W. Norman,
Feb. 24.

Mary Graves - to Thomas and Mary R. Stevens,
March 1.

William - to Thomas and Rebecca Baker.
Sr., May 9.

Ann Carter - to John and Hepeworth Stewart,
May 27.

Mary Caroline - to Oliver and Elza Stevens,
June 4.

Daughter - to Hepeworth and Ann Baker.

William Henry - to Henry and Bonette Bacon.

William Elliott - to John and Rebecca Way,
Sept. 11.

John Boyd - to John and Lydia Mallard, Sept. 18.

Son - to Samson and Elizabeth Baker, November.

Edward William - to Robert and Rebecca
Quarterman, November.

Sarah Rebecca - to William and Sarah Baker,
Dec. 29.

James Madison - to William and Ann Fleming,
Dec. 26.

Margaret Elizabeth - to Jesse and Mary Ham.

1809.

Daughter - to Hugh and Elizabeth, Jan. 15.

Levy - to Thomas and Mary Smith.

Samuel Francis - to John and Mary McGowen.

Son - to William N. and Mary Way, March.

Jane Elizabeth - to Jane and Hester Elliott, June.

Renchie Elizabeth - to John and Elizabeth
Roberts, May 28.

Esther Augustus - John and Jane Dunwoody.
Julia Rebecca - Audley and Mary Maxwell.
Child - to John and Hepeworth Stewart.
Son - to Richard and Jane Baker, Aug. 23.
Son - to Benjamin and Cynthia Mell, Aug. 26.
Mary Eliza - to John and Eliza Winn, Oct. 14.
Josiah Osgood - to John and Elizabeth Fulton,
Oct. 26.
Daughter - to John Kell.
John - to Micajah and Ann Andrews, Nov. 9.
Daughter - to Joseph and Mary Bacon.

1810.

Daughter - to Oliver and Eliza Stevens, February.
Son - to Thomas and Mary Stevens, March.
Daughter - to Mrs. B. B. Winn.
Son - to James and Elizabeth McCollough, April.
Sarah Ann - to John and Sarah Stacy, June 20.
Son - to John and Rebecca Way, July.
Daughter - to Josiah and Mary Wilson.
Mary W. - to Joseph and Mary Norman, Aug. 1.
Daughter - to William and Sarah Baker, Aug. 10.
Son - to Charlton and Ann Hines.
Daughter - to Thomas Baker.
Son - to Thomas and Mary Smith.
Son - to Thomas and Ann Goulding, Sept. 28.
Daughter - to Robert and Rebecca Quarterman,
Daughter - to Thomas and Rebecca Baker, Oct. 25.
Daughter - to William N. and Mary Way,
October 30.
Child - to Robert and Catherine Wheeler.
Mary A. - to John Mallard, Nov. 1.
Son - to John and Susanna Bacon, Nov. 5.
Daughter - to Thomas and Mary Peacock.

1811.

- Son - to P. F. and Mary Winn, Feb. 16.
Daughter - to Jesse and Mary Ham, Feb. 18.
Son - to Thomas and Sarah Bacon, Feb. 18.
Daughter - to P. H. Wilkins.
Daughter - to James Sandiford.
Sarah - Margaret - to Jesse Cooper, April 5.
Daughter - to John S. and Ann Quarterman,
April 27.
Son - to John and Mary McGowen.
Son - to Benjamin and Cynthia Mell, August.
Daughter - to William and Anna Fleming,
Daughter - to Hepeworth and Ann Baker,
Sept. 26.
Sarah - to John and Eliza Winn, Nov. 20.
Daughter - to Dr. Thomas Stevens, December.
Son - to John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 29.

1812.

- Son - to John and Hepeworth Baker.
Lazarus James - to Thomas and Rebecca
Mallard, Feb. 16.
Daughter - to Robert and Rebecca Quarterman,
March 1.
Daughter - to John and Elizabeth Roberts,
March.
Son - to Oliver and Eliza Stevens.
Son - to Thomas and Rebecca Baker, April.
William W. - to Alexander Martin, May 4.
Ann Miriam - to Joseph and Mary Norman,
Sept. 11.
John Sidney - to William and Anna Fleming,
August.
Daughter - to Samuel Lewis.

Son - to Charlton Hines.

William - to Louis and Ann LeConte, Nov. 18.

Daughter - to Thomas Quarterman.

Daughter - to Joseph Bacon.

Daughter - to P. F. Winn.

Son - to John McGowen.

Son - to Hugh Miller.

1813.

Elizabeth Polly - to Micajah Andrews, March 8.

Robert - to John Stacy, March 18.

Jane Mary - to P. H. Wilkins, Oct. 13.

Daughter - to Gen. Stewart.

Son - to William N. Way, July 23.

Ann Caroline - to Dr. Stevens, Aug. 6.

Mary Emeline - to Thomas Mallard, Aug. 9.

Robert Thomas - to Robert and Rebecca
Quarterman, Oct. 15.

Sarah Susannah - to Joseph and Mary Narman,
Nov. 21.

Charles James - to James Phelps, December.

1814.

Elijah - to S. and Drusilla Lewis, Jan. 5.

John - to John and Eliza Winn, Jan. 10.

Edward Abiel - to O. and E. Stevens, Jan. 24.

Arlissa Ann - to Joseph and Margaret Way,
Feb. 4.

Daughter - to John and R. Way.

Child - to William and Sarah Baker.

Mary J. - to Alexander and Loretta Martin,
Aug. 4.

David - to John Fulton, Oct. 10.

Patrick Hughes - to Benjamin Mell.

Georgia Drusilla - Gen. Daniel and Sarah Stewart,
Nov. 7.

Jane - to P. F. and Mary Winn.

Collin Alexis - to Josiah Wilson, Dec. 31.

1815.

Joseph Clay - to J. A. and L. Cuthbert, May 25.

Daughter to Joseph Bacon.

Daughter - to Donald Fraser.

Samuel Newton - to Samuel Lewis, April 11.

Thomas Winn - to William Fleming, September.

John Norman - to W. N. Way.

Lydia Quarterman - to M. Andrews, Oct. 1.

Peter - to John and E. Winn, Sept. 27.

John Stacy - to Joseph and Mary Norman, Dec. 30.

1816.

David S. - to David Laing, April 3.

Ann Caroline - to N. and Ann Varnedoe, Aug. 17.

George Washington - to William and Mary
Anderson, Aug. 17.

Mary H. - to John Smylie, Feb. 28.

Eliza Amarintha - to Jonathan and Elizabeth
Bacon, Sept. 11.

James Bullock - to John and Jane Dunwoody,
Sept. 24.

Elizabeth - to Alexander and Loretta Martin,
Oct. 5.

Mary Serena - to John A. and L. Cuthbert,
Dec. 3.

1817.

Mary - to John and Elizabeth Fulton, Jan. 12.

Adaline - to John and Rebecca Way, Feb. 2.

Ann Drusilla - to Samuel and Drusilla Lewis,
July 29.

Joseph Benjamin - to Joseph and Mary Bacon,
Aug. 6.

William James - to John and Sarah Coleman,
Nov. 22.

Son - to J. S. Quarterman, Dec. 26.

1818.

Sarah - to William and Mary Anderson, Feb. 2.

Joseph Murphey - to Joseph and Mary Norman,
Feb. 13.

Mary - to David Laing, April 7.

Mary Susan - to William N. and Mary Way, April.

Asenith - to David Laing, Aug. 15.

Daniel - to Nathaniel and Elvira Marline, Sept. 27.

Cyrus Stevens - to Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
Oct. 13.

Martha - to John and Elizabeth Fulton, Nov. 3.

John - to John and Jane Dunwody, Nov. 6.

John Whitehead - to John and Martha Elliott,
Nov. 7.

John - to Louis and Ann LeConte, Dec. 4.

Murdock Murphy - to Alexander and Loretta
Martin, Dec. 23.

John Lawrence - to J. S. Quarterman, Jan. 25.

1819.

Susan Eliza - to James and Sarah Wilson,
Feb. 10.

Thomas Boon - to John and Sarah Coleman,
April 19.

Sarah Jane - to Joseph and Margaret Way,
May 24.

Mary Elizabeth - to Donald and Flora Fraser,
July 6.

- Richard Quarterman - to John and Rebecca Way,
Dec. 20.
William Jonathan - to Richard and Elizabeth
Bacon, Oct. 3.
Elizabeth Rebecca - to William and Sarah Norman,
Aug. 23.

1820

- Curoline Rebecca - to Samuel and Drusilla Lewis,
Jan. 14.
Susan Ann - to John and Martha Elliott, Aug. 6.
Elizabeth - to John and Margaret Shave, April 23.
Thomas W. - to John and Mary Norman,
July 31.
Susan Ann - to John and Martha Elliott, Aug. 6.
William W. - to Nathaniel and Elvira Martin,
Sept. 17.
Joseph Andrew - to William and Mary Anderson,
Sept. 22.
Daniel Stewart - to Josiah and Mary Wilson,
Oct. 23.
Lazarus John - to Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
Nov. 21.
William James - to William Paul and Bethannah
Fulton, Dec. 22.
Elizabeth Ann - to John and Elizabeth Fulton,
Dec. 19.

1821.

- Louis - to Louis and Ann LeConte, Jan. 7.
Ann Eliza - to Joseph and Margaret Way, Feb. 13.
Sarah S. - to John Smylie, Feb. 16.
Joseph - to John and Sarah Coleman, Feb. 16.
Joseph Obadiah - to Joseph and Elizabeth Bacon,
Feb. 23.

Sarah Elizabeth - to William and Mary Shave,
March 13.

Margaret - to Alexander and Loretta Martin,
June 10.

Jane Marian - to John and Jane Dunwoody,
June 22.

Sarah Ann - to J. S. Quarterman, July 9.

Emily E. - to David Laing, Aug. 2.

Hansford - to Joseph and Dorcas Andrews,
Oct. 12.

Murdock Murphy - to John and Rebecca Way,
Oct. 16.

1822.

Isabella - to Simon and Sarah Fraser, Jan. 14.

William - to William and Sarah Norman, Feb. 26.

Isabel Ellen - to Donald and Sarah Fraser,
June 3.

Joseph - to Nathaniel and Elvira Martin, June 19.

Georgia Amanda - to John and Martha Elliott,
June 14.

Catharine - to William and Bethanna Fulton,
June 24.

Mary - to John and Sarah Coleman, July 12.

Polly Cynthia - to Joseph and Elizabeth Bacon,
Aug. 23.

Mary Augusta - to Dr. Robert and Sarah A.
McConnell, Aug. 23.

Mary - to John and Margaret Shave, Aug. 25.

Susan Westbury - to J. S. Quarterman, Sept. 22.

William Elijah - to William Q. and Ann Baker,
Sept. 29.

Hannah Bradwell - to William and Sarah Roberts,
Oct. 2.

Mary Emily - to William and Mary Shave, Oct. 11.

August Martin - to James and Margaret Laing,
Nov. 9.

1823.

Joseph - to Joseph and Margaret Way, Jan. 25.
Mary Eliza - to Joseph and Mary Norman, Jan. 29.
Caroline Elizabeth - to Benjamin and Mary A.
Fuller, April 6.
Barbara E. - to John Smylie, April 9.
Harriet Newell - to Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
April 13.
Susan Marion - to William and Mary Anderson,
May 20.
Ann Eliza - to Simon and Sarah Fraser, July 13.
Amelia Ann - to Joseph and Sarah Fraser. Aug. 29.
Henry - to John and Rebecca Way, Aug. 31.
Joseph - to Louis and Ann LeConte, Sept. 26.
Louisa Almira - to William and Sarah Spencer,
Oct. 20.
William Elliott - to John and Jane Dunwoody,
Nov. 6.
Stephen Fuller - to Richard F. and Mary Baker,
Dec. 15.

1824.

Caroline Amanda - to William Q. and Ann Baker,
Jan. 4.
Son - to W. E. W. Quarterman, Feb. 4.
Angus - to Nathaniel and Elvira Martin, Feb. 15.
Addison - to Moses and Elizabeth Way, Feb. 21.
Ann Griffin - to William and Sarah E. Robarts,
May 1.
Edward - to William P. and Bethannah Fulton,
May 4.
John Pray - to Maj. John and Mary Bacon, June 4.

Alexander E. - to David Laing, July 13.
Laura Elizabeth - to James A. and Susan Maxwell,
July 20.
Harriet Atwood - to Joseph and Mary Norman,
Aug. 30.
Matilda - to William and Jane Jones, Sept. 13.
Charles Williams - to John and Martha Elliott,
Sept. 14.
Flora Jane - to Donald and Flora Fraser,
December.

1825.

Mary Tabiths - to Samuel and Caroline Lines,
Jan. 14.
William John - to Edward and Susan Russell,
Feb. 8.
Susan Loreнна - to James and Mary B. Stacy,
Feb. 19.
Alexander M. - to Simon and Sarah Fraser,
Jan. 22.
Susan Sarah - to William and Sarah Norman,
March 11.
William Richard, to William and Mary Shave,
March 13.
Ann - to Louis and Ann LeConte, March 26.
Nathaniel - to John and Rebecca Way, May 5.
Rebecca Louisa - to Thomas and Rebecca
Mallard, June 30.
Mary Harville - to Richard and Mary Baker,
July 3.
Robert - to James and Margaret Laing, July 5.
Albert - to Joseph and Dorcas Andrews, Aug. 24.
James Blakely - to Dr. Robert and Sarah
McConnell, Aug. 25.
Rebecca Ann - to William Q. and Ann Baker,
Sept. 4.

- Mary William - to Maj. John and Mary Bacon,
Sept. 6.
Moses - to Moses and Elizabeth Way, October.
Sarah Adaline - to John O. and Adaline Baker,
Oct. 30.
William Quarterman - to William and Sarah
Spencer, Nov. 12.
Cornelius McVain - to John Smylie, Nov. 15.
Milton Elbert - to John W. and Mary Stacy,
Dec. 31.

1826.

- Son - to John and Susan Quarterman, Jan. 22.
Robert - to James McIntosh, February.
Mary Elizabeth - to William P. and Bethanna
Fulton, March 6.
Henry Macon - to John and Jane Dunwoody,
March 13.
Sarah Ann - to David Laing, April 5.
James William - to William and Sarah Roberts,
April 17.
Martha Adaline - to Samuel and Caroline Lines,
April 18.
Charles Edward - to James A. and Susan Maxwell,
May 18.
Jane - to Nathaniel and Elvira Martin, June 17.
John Roberts - to Robert P. and Amarintha
Barton, June 23.
Edward Williamson - to Edward and Susan
Russell, Sept. 26.
William John - to John N. and Eliza Way, Oct. 29.
Donald - to Simon and Sarah Fraser, Nov. 26.
Matilda Rebecca - to Joseph F. and Harriett
McGowen, Dec. 14.
Joseph Edward - to Joseph and Sarah Maxwell,
Dec. 31.

1827.

- Mary Eliza - to Roswell and Julia R. King, Jan. 29.
Lydia Matilda - to William Q. and Ann Baker, Jan. 11.
Louis - to William and Jane Jones, March 28.
James Wilson - to John and Mary Bacon, March 28.
James Hargreaves - to Joseph and Mary Norman, April 6.
Sarah Jane - to William and Sarah Norman, June 21.
Cornelia - to Moses and Elizabeth Way, June.
Donald Andrew - to Donald and Margaret Fraser, July 9.
Julia Ann - to William and Bethannah Fulton, Aug. 2.
Margaret - to William and Mary Shave, Aug. 21.
John Fabian - to John O. and Adaline Baker, Sept. 26.
Samuel Shepard - to Samuel and Caroline Lines, Nov. 20.
Lafayette Stewart - to John and Susan Quarterman, Dec. 25.
Samuel Bacon - to William and Sarah Spencer, Dec. 27.

1828.

- Lavinia - to John W. and Mary Stacy, Jan. 27.
Georgia - to James A. and Susan Maxwell, March 7.
Clifford Amanda Stiles - to Dr. C. and Evaline West.
Child - to John and Jane Dunwoody.
Son - to William Q. and Ann Baker, June 27.
Sarah - to Q. and S. W. Way, Nov. 14.

1844.

Clarence Varnedoe - to William and Louisa Winn,
July 13.

1845.

Ellen Rosalie - to William S. and Susan Norman,
Nov. 16.

1846.

Sarah Elenora - to William and Louisa Winn,
May 22.

1847.

Mary Amarintha - to William S. and Susan Norman,
May 17.

1848.

James Crittenden - to William S. and Susan Norman,
Oct. 17.

Eliza Ann - to William and Louisa Winn, Dec. 30.

1850.

Louis Clinton - to Leander and Ann E. Varnedoe,
Nov. 30.

Elizabeth Jane - to William S. and Susan Norman,
Aug. 30.

1851.

Matilda Claudia - to William and Louisa Winn,
March 26.

1852.

Sarah Platt - to W. S. and Susan Norman, Apr. 22.
Louisa Jones - to Leander and Ann Varnedoe,
Sept. 22.

John Fleming - to W. J. and Jane Way, Dec. 23.

1853.

Eliza Winn - to J. B. and S. W. Mallard,
Nov. 30.

William Alonzo Church - to W. S. and Susan
Norman, Dec. 2.

1854.

Eulalie - to E. B. and Sarah Way, July 22.

Mary Josephine - to Henry and Hannah Way,
Jan. 8.

Edgar Bacon - to W. J. and Jane Way, May 15.

Eliza Ann - to L. and Ann Varnedoe, Sept. 1.

William Wilson - to W. W. and Louisa Winn,
April 20.

1855.

Samuel Baker - to John and Elizabeth Mann,
March 5.

Eliza Winn - to Thomas and Susan Fleming,
March 5.

Augusta Theodore - to Dr. Samuel Way, Jan. 6.

John Boyd - to J. B. and S. W. Mallard, Oct. 26.

Donald - to Simon and Mary Fraser, Jan. 15.

Newton Jones - to W. S. and Susan Norman,
Sept. 12.

William Macon - to W. J. and Jane Way, Nov. 4.

1856.

Ann Eliza - to Ezra and Maria Stacy, Jan. 25.

Mary Elizabeth - to Stewart Quarterman, Feb. 28.

Lyman Buttolph - to L. J. Mallard, March 31.

Josephine Bacon - to Dr. J. B. and Mary J. Way,
April.

1857.

Charles Edward Maxwell - to Rev. D. L.

Buttolph, March 21.

Wallace Winn - to S. A. and M. Fraser, May 23.

Louis Sumner - to W. W. and Louisa Winn,

July 29.

Æneas Stacy - to W. J. and Jane Way, Aug. 22.

Nathaniel Varnedoe - Oct. 9.

Laura Catharine - to Dr. S. Way, Oct. 11.

Cyrus Stevens - to L. J. and Sarah Mallard,

Nov. 11.

1858.

Thomas Alexander - to John Mann, Jan. 29.

Alexander Shepard - to N. Martin, Feb. 27.

Lyman Buttolph - to W. S. and Susan Norman,

July 19.

Mary Ellen - to E. B. and Sarah Way, Oct. 21.

Harriet Mallard - to L. L. and Ann Varnedoe,

Dec. 11.

1859.

Leland Buttolph - to W. J. and Jane Way,

Jan. 30.

Maria Louisa - to Ezra and Maria Stacy,

March 1.

Josephine Bacon - to T. Fleming,

James Sewell - to J. Ladson, April 17.

1860.

Rosa William - to J. Mann, Jan. 8.

Joseph Bacon - to S. Fraser, Feb. 12.

Amelia America - to J. S. and Susan Norman,

Sept. 14.

Samuel Axson - to S. Way, May 5.

Ann Screven - to L. J. and S. Mallard, March 11.

1861.

Anna Quarterman Way, April 25.

Joseph Bacon Way, July 30.

Samuel Stanhope - to Dr. J. Jones, Dec. 16.

Laura Eloisa - to Capt. R. and L. McConnell,
Oct. 5.

1863.

William A. Legriel, Jan. 31.

1754.

Rebecca - d. Samuel Bacon, July 7.
Elizabeth - d. Benjamin Andrew, Oct. 20.
William - s. Benjamin Baker, Oct. 20.

1755.

Mary - d. Josiah Osgood, March 30.
John - s. Edward Way, April 6.
Sarah - d. John Quarterman, Jr., Aug. 17.
Richard - s. Richard Spencer.
Joseph - s. Joseph Massey, Nov. 30.
Elizabeth - d. Samuel Burnley, Nov. 30.

1756.

John - s. Isaac Girardeau, March 29.
Elizabeth - d. Richard Baker, May 23.
Edward - s. Edward Sumner, June 6.
Thomas - s. Samuel Bacon, July 18.
Rebecca - d. Benjamin Baker, Aug. 15.
Susanna - d. Benjamin Andrew, Aug. 22.
Ann - d. Andrew Way, Aug. 22.
Lydia - d. Moses Way, Dec. 26.
Ann - d. John Stewart, Jr.

1757.

Charles - s. William Donnom, Jan. 2.
Sarah - d. John Shave, Jan. 16.
Elizabeth - d. Josiah Osgood, April 1.
Samuel - s. Isaac Lines, March 27.
Thomas - s. John Elliott, May 29.
John - s. Richard Spencer, July 31.
Susanna - d. Richard Girardeau, Oct. 23.
Levi James - s. John Humphrey, Dec. 4.

1758.

Lydia - d. Richard Baker, Jan. 22.
Elizabeth - d. John Quarterman, Jr., Jan. 29.
Samuel - s. Benjamin Baker, April 30.
Richard - s. Benjamin Andrew, May 21.
John - s. Joseph Massey.
John - s. William Graves.
Thomas - s. John Graves.
Mary Hester - d. William Donnom, April 23.
Mary - d. Daniel Donnom.
Stephen - s. Stephen Clark.
Mary - d. John Stevens.
Jemima - d. John Quarterman, Sr., July 16.
Martha - d. Joseph Mugguire, July 16.
Morgan - s. Isaac Lines, Sept. 10.
John - s. James Andrews, Oct. 14.
Joseph - s. Samuel Bacon, Oct. 22.
Nancy - d. Edward Sumner, Oct. 24.
Rebecca - d. Thomas Quarterman.
Susanna - d. John Stewart, Jr., Dec. 15.

1759.

Thomas - s. Thomas Way, Jan. 21.
James - s. Josiah Powell, Feb. 11.
Peter - s. Palmer Goulding, Feb. 2.
Amaretta - d. John Elliott, March 25.
Isaac - s. Robert Smallwood, March 25.
Elizabeth - d. Joseph Massey, May 4.
John - s. Moses Way, June 1.
Thomas - s. Andrew Way, June 10.
Mary - d. William Carr, July 26,
Mary - d. Richard Baker, Aug. 17.
Sarah - d. Isaac Hauskins, Sept. 16.
William Baker, Jr., and daughter, Ann, Sept. 24.
Martha - d. William Donnom, Nov. 11.

Hannah - d. Benjamin Andrew, Nov. 25.

1760.

John - s. John Quarterman, Jr., Feb. 3.

James - s. James Harley, Feb. 3.

Hannah - d. Stephen Clark, March 9.

Joseph - s. Joseph Andrew, March 30.

Nathaniel - s. Benjamin Baker, June 22.

Mary - d. Samuel Burnley, June 22.

John - s. Isaac Lines, Aug. 3.

Thomas - s. James Andrew, Aug. 17.

Thomas - s. William Graves, Nov. 2.

Ann - d. Isaac Girardeau, Nov. 2.

William - s. Samuel Bacon, Nov. 16.

Mary Ann - d. Palmer Goulding, Nov. 16.

Rebecca Hannah - d. Josiah Powell, Dec. 7.

William - s. _____ Lyn, Dec. 7.

Mary Persianna - d. James Dunham, Nov. 24.

Child - _____ Mackay, Nov. 24.

1761.

Matthew - s. Matthew Smallwood, Jan. 11.

Benjamin - s. Joseph Massey, Jan. 11.

Whitmarsh - s. John Baker, Jan. 11.

Francis - s. James Harley, April 3.

Child - Daniel Donnom.

Joseph - s. Andrew Way, July 26.

Love - d. Nathaniel Yates, Aug. 2.

Rebecca - d. Isaac Hauskins, Sept. 12.

Child - William Donnom.

Lydia - d. Joseph Andrew, Nov. 13.

Elizabeth - d. Barak Norman, Dec. 13.

1762.

Mary - d. Matthew Smallwood, Jan. 10.

Richard - s. Richard Baker, Feb. 1.
Mary - d. Henry Saltus, Feb. 9.
Mary - d. Joseph Way, April 11.
Sarah - d. William Baker, April 25.
Mary - d. John Mitchell, May 2.
Joseph - s. Benjamin Baker, May 4.
William - s. John Quarterman, Jr., May 16.
William - s. Richard Spencer, July 30.
Joseph - s. Thomas Way, Aug. 9.
Josiah - s. Palmer Goulding, Dec. 24.
Dorcas - d. Daniel Donnom.

1763.

William Jeans - s. William Baker.
John - s. John Baker, Feb. 13.
Elizabeth - d. _____ Cooper, Feb. 27.
Archibald - s. Thomas Christie.
William - s. Moses Way.
Sarah - d. _____ Spry, March 27.
John - s. Thomas Peacock, April 1.
Sarah - d. Robert Houston, April 1.
John - s. John Sandiford, April 22.
Hannah - d. William Donnom, April 24.
Karenhappuck - s. Josiah Powell, April 24.
Sarah - d. William Graves, June 12.
Hannah - d. Isaac Lines, May 15.
Daughter - Robert Smallwood.
John James - s. John Martin, Aug. 13.
Mary - d. Daniel Swillavant, Aug. 14.
Mary - d. Joseph Oswald, Aug. 14.
James - s. John Stacy,
Mary Ross - d. Frederic Hobzendorff, Oct. 2.
Joseph - s. Joseph Winn, Oct. 23.
John - s. John Bacon, Nov. 27.
Daughter - Matthew Smallwood, Dec. 18.

1764.

Mary - s. Thomas Way, April 15.
Sarah - d. Joshua Clark, April 15.
Joseph - s. Thomas Quarterman, May 20.
Son - William Baker, Jr.
Mary - d. James Andrew.
Ann - d. Isaac Lines, July 29.
William - s. Richard Baker, June 27.
Joseph - s. Joseph Way.
Pattey - d. Stephen Clark, Oct. 5.
Charles - s. Joseph Andrews, Nov. 4.
John - s. James Stewart, Nov. 4.
Thomas - s. Thomas Peacock, Dec. 9.
Thomas - s. Samuel Burnley, Dec. 16.
Thomas - s. Daniel Swillavant, Dec. 23.
Christopher - s. Benjamin Baker, Dec. 23.

1765.

Barak Gibbons - s. John Martin, April 28.

1766.

Susanna - d. Thomas and Mary Way, Aug. 10.
James and Audley - s's. James and Ann Maxwell,
Oct. 5.
James - s. John and Mary Witherspoon, Oct. 19.
James - s. David and Jane Witherspoon, Nov. 12.
Elizabeth - d. Daniel and Mary Swillavant,
Nov. 22.
James - s. James and Susanna Stewart, Nov. 30.
Anna - d. Richard and Elizabeth Baker, Nov. 30.

1767.

Sarah Hannah - d. John and Elizabeth Martin,
Jan. 4.
Martha - d. Parmenas and Martha Way, Jan. 25.

William - s. Thomas and Elizabeth Peacock.
Jan. 18.

Magdalin - d. Joshua and Elizabeth Clark,
Feb. 22.

Mary Buer - d. Benjamin and Mary Andrew,
March 1.

Mary - d. John and Sarah Stacy, June 21.

Ann - d. Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew, June 7.

Ruth - d. John and Sarah Baker, July 12.

John - s. Stephen Clark, July 19.

Samuel - s. Samuel and Rebecca Jones,
Oct. 30.

Samuel and Thomas - s's. Richard and Sarah
Spencer, October.

Mary - d. Mary and Ann Way, Nov. 29.

Elizabeth - d. Joseph and Ann Baker, Dec. 25.

1768.

William - s. Thomas and Sarah Maxwell, Jan. 2.

Nancy - d. William Graves, March 20.

William - s. Thomas and Rebecca Quarterman,
March 20.

Parmenas - s. Parmenas and Martha Way,
May 8.

Jacob - s. John and Mary Dunham, June 26.

Sarah - d. John and Sarah Winn, Oct. 9.

Robert - s. Robert and Mary Quarterman,
November.

1769.

John - s. John and Rebecca Davis, Jan. 1.

Elizabeth - d. James and Ann Maxwell, Jan. 15.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Ann Stevens, Jan. 22.

Sarah - d. Daniel and Mary Swillavant, Feb. 22.

William - s. John and Sarah Stacy, April 16.

Susanna - d. Thomas and Mary Swillavant,
April 16.

Sarah - d. Richard and Elizabeth Baker, May 14.

Sanders - s. Joseph and Mary Andrews, June 18.

Susanna - d. Moses and Ann Way, July 2.

Lydia - d. Benjamin and Mary Andrews, July 25.

James Donnom - s. John and Elizabeth Martin,
July 30.

Mary - d. Samuel and Rebecca Jones, Aug. 27.

Thomas - s. Palmer and Mary Goulding, Sept. 3.

Gideon - s. Gideon and Ann Dowse, Oct. 22.

James - s. Thomas and Elizabeth Peacock,
November.

Josiah - s. Josiah and Mary Bacon, Nov. 28.

Wife of Nathan Taylor.

1770.

Mary - d. John and Mary Sandiford, Feb. 22.

Mary - d. Parmenas and Martha Way, March 18.

Ann - d. Joseph and Ann Stevens, April 15.

Sarah - d. Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
March 28.

Elizabeth - d. John and Martha Mitchell, Aug. 19.

1771.

Joseph - s. Strong and Rebecca Ashmore,
April 14.

William - s. William and Sarah Quarterman.
April 28.

Elizabeth - d. John and Margaret Stevens,
May 19.

Elizabeth - d. Francis and Mary Brown, May 19.

Sarah - s. Samuel and Rebecca Jones, Aug. 12.

Joseph - s. James and Ann Maxwell, Aug. 18.

Samuel - d. Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
Aug. 24.

Ann - d. John and Rebecca Elliott, Oct. 13.

Josiah - s. James and Susanna Stewart, Nov. 15.

John - Paul and Sarah Fulton, Nov. 17.

Elizabeth - d. Benjamin and Mary Andrew,
Nov. 24.

Susanna - d. Palmer and Mary Goulding, Nov. 27.

1772.

John Osgood - s. Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew,
Jan. 12.

Pattey - d. Moses and Ann Way, Feb. 16.

John - s. Thomas and Sarah Partheanna Maxwell,
Feb. 11.

Samuel - s. John and Sarah Goulding, March 14.

John - s. William and Jane Bennett, March 27.

Ann - d. Daniel and Mary Swillavant, March 29.

Rebecca - Richard and Elizabeth Baker, April 5.

William - s. William and Jean Bennett, April 5.

Thomas - s. Jonathan and Rebecca Bacon,
April 26.

Mary Ann - d. Samuel and Rebecca Burnley,
April 26.

John - s. John and Sarah Winn, May 10.

Catharine - d. Isham and Rebecca Andrews,
June 28.

John - s. William and Sally Brown, July 21.

Martha Milner - d. Samuel and Susanna Saltus,
Sept. 13.

Ann - d. Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Sept. 30.

Margaret - d. Parmenas and Martha Way, Oct. 18.

William - s. William and Rebecca Graves, Dec. 16.

John - s. William and Mary Norman, Oct. 18.

Elizabeth - d. William and Elizabeth Way, Dec. 20.

1773.

Susanna Sumner - d. William and Elizabeth
Simpson, Jan. 12.

Elizabeth - d. John and Sarah Stacy, Jan. 31.

Josiah - to Josiah and Margaret Osgood, Feb. 26.

James Edward - s. James and Ann Maxwell,
Feb. 28.

Elizabeth - d. Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman,
March 28.

Susanna - d. Francis and Mary Brown, March 28.

John - s. Thomas and Catharine Bacon, April 11.

Mary - d. John and Margaret Stevens, April 25.

Susanna - d. William Bacon, May 10.

Joseph Winn - s. William and Elizabeth Nelms,
June 26.

Elizabeth - d. William and Hannah Baker,
June 27.

Child - Joseph and Hannah Baker, Sept. 12.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Ann Stevens, Oct. 9.

John - s. _____ Oct. 10.

Ann - s. Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Dec. 7.

John - s. John and Rebecca Elliott, Dec. 8.

1774.

Sarah Dickinson - d. John and Martha Mitchell,
April 16.

Thomas - s. Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens,
April 16.

David - s. Palmer and Mary Goulding, April 16.

Daniel - s. Daniel and Mary Swillavant,
April 16.

Sally - d. William and Sally Bacon, April 16.

Elizabeth - d. John and Sarah McLean.

Ann - d. Joseph and Sarah Way.

(Above seven by Mr. Zubly.)

Susanna - d. James and Susanna Stewart, April 15.
Elizabeth - d. Edward and Rebecca Ball, April 16.
Francis - s. Thomas and Mary Shepard, April 17.
Benjamin - s. Joseph and Hannah Baker, May 15.
Mary - d. Robert and Mary Saltus, May 15.
Micajah - s. Isham and Rebecca Andrews, June 25.
Child - John and Mary Sandiford, June 26.
Elizabeth - d. William and Elizabeth Baker, July 14.
Child - John and Sarah Stewart, July 14.
Mary - d. Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman, Oct. 15.
Samuel - s. Paul and Sarah Fulton, Oct. 15.
Robert - s. John and Sarah Winn, Dec. 1.

1775.

Sarah - d. Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Feb. 19.
Susanna - d. John and Sarah Stacy, Feb. 19.
Isaac - s. John Taylor, Feb. 19.
Susanna - d. William and Hannah Baker, Feb. 19.
Sarah - d. Thomas and Sarah Sumner, Feb. 20.
Mary Rebecca - d. William and Rebecca Graves,
April 30.
Child - James and Ann Maxwell, April 30.
William - s. William and Elizabeth Way, April 30.
Edward - s. Edward and Rebecca Ball, Aug. 27.
Sarah - d. Josiah and Margaret Osgood, Sept. 1.
Elizabeth - d. Christopher and Mary Blanton, Sept. 1.
Margaret - d. John and Margaret Stevens, Sept. 3.
Thomas - s. Thomas and Catharine Bacon, Dec. 24.

1776.

Ann - d. Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman, Jan. 4.
Mary - d. Gideon and Susanna Dowse, Jan. 4.
Mary - d. Edward and Mary Way, Jan. 4.
John - s. Joseph and Lydia McGowen, March 24.
Mary - d. William, jr., and Ann Graves, March 24.

Moses - s. Moses and Ann Way, March 24.
James - s. James and Margaret Cantey, March 24.
John - s. John and Jemima Way, March 24.
Daniel and David - s's. Francis and Mary Brown,
March 26.
Sarah - d. William and Elizabeth Baker, March 27.
William - David and Mary Anderson, April 24.
Sarah - d. John and Sarah Winn, July 28.
Daniel - s. Strong and Rebecca Ashmore, July 28.
Amarintha - d. Daniel and Amarintha Roberts,
Sept. 1.
Mary Ann - d. John and Mary Roberts, Sept. 1.
Thomas - s. John and Rebecca Elliott, Sept. 1.
Paul - s. Paul Fulton, Oct. 13.
Elizabeth - d. Samuel and Susannah Saltus, Nov. 12.
Edward - s. William and Elizabeth Way, Dec. 16.
Sarah - d. Joseph and Ann Stevens, Dec. 22.
Daughter - James and Nancy Jeffries, Dec. 22.
Ann - d. William and Hannah Baker, Dec. 25.

1777.

Susanna - d. Gideon and Susanna Dowse, June 22.
Sarah - d. Palmer and Mary Goulding, June 22.
Jemima - d. Nathan and Susan Taylor, June 22.
William - s. Edward and Rebecca Ball, June 22.
Cynthia - d. William and Sarah Quarterman, June 22.
Sarah - d. Joseph and Rebecca Bacon, June 22.
Child - John and Mary Sandiford, June 29.
John - s. Thomas and Rebecca Quarterman, June 29.
William Elliott - s. John and Jemima Way, July 31.
Elizabeth - d. Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bacon, July 31.
Rebecca - d. John and Rebecca Norman, Aug. 31.
Sarah - d. Thomas and Sarah Stevens, Oct. 12.
Benjamin Farley - s. Peter and Mary Winn, Oct. 12.
Elizabeth - d. Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens, Oct. 26.
Thomas - s. Thomas and Catharine Baker, Nov. 16.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Sarah Way, Dec. 14.

1778.

John - s. John and Esther Osgood, Jan. 12.
Sarah - d. Peter and Lydia Sallens, Jan. 12.
Edward - s. Daniel and Mary Swillavant, Jan. 25.
Edward - s. Robert and Mary Quarterman, Feb. 15.
William - s. William and Sarah Bacon, May 24.
Charles - s. William and Hannah Baker, May 24.
Lewis - s. Lewis and Catharine McTeer, May 24.
Sarah - d. John and Sarah Stacy, June 7.
Samuel - s. Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Aug. 30.
Sarah - d. John and Mary Roberts, Oct. 11.
Samuel - s. Josiah and Margaret Osgood, Nov. 1.
Benjamin - s. Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker,
Dec. 14.

1779.

Sarah Osgood - d. William and Elizabeth Baker,
December.
Sarah - d. Thomas Bacon, December.
Joseph - s. Mrs. Sally Bacon, December.

1780.

John - s. Peter and Mary Winn, Jan. 6.

1782.

William - s. William and Elizabeth Baker, Nov.
(Above five baptized in Carolina.)

1783.

Thomas and William - s's. Thomas and Sarah
Stevens, Aug. 24.
Benjamin Baker - s. Samuel and Susanna Saltus,
Aug. 24.

John Ichabod, Thomas and William - s's. John and Harriet Baker B, Aug. 25.

(Above six by Rev. James Gourley.)

Sarah - d. James Wilson, Oct. 20.

1786.

Ann and Mary - d's. Pete Winn, Jan. 1.

Child - John Foster, Jan. 1.

Catharine and Benjamin Baker - d. and s. John Winn, Jan. 1.

Rebecca - d. William and Elizabeth Baker, Jan. 1.

Elizabeth - d. John Elliott, Jan. 1.

Susanna - d. Thomas Quarterman, Jan. 1.

William and Joseph - s's. John Norman, Jan. 8.

James - s. John Lambright, Jan. 8.

Richard - s. Thomas Baker, Jan. 8.

William - s. James and Elizabeth Wilson, Jan. 8.

Joseph - s. James Maxwell, Jan. 15.

Joseph - s. Thomas Bacon, Jan. 15.

Rebecca - d. Robert Quarterman, Jan. 15.

Richard - s. William Quarterman, Jan. 15.

Esther - d. John Osgood, Jan. 15.

John - s. James and Esther Dunwoody, Jan. 15.

Robert Stacy.

Mary - d. John and Mary Way, June 11.

Rebecca Thomson - d. Mrs. Moses Way (Ann),
June 11.

Rebecca - d. Sarah Winn, June 11.

Thomas - s. Thomas and Mary Goulding, June 25.

Dupree and William - s's. Thos. and Elizabeth
Maxwell (in S. Carolina)

John Osgood - s. William and Elizabeth Baker,
Jan. 28.

Ann - d. Thomas Sumner, Jan. 28.

Peter Farley - s. Peter Winn, Feb. 4.

Robert - s. Thomas Quarterman, Feb. 4.
Rebecca - d. William H. Cassels, Feb. 4.
Samuel - s. Gideon Dowse, Feb. 4.
Esther - d. Mr. Dunwoody, Feb. 4.
Mary - d. John Norman, Feb. 4.
Rebecca - d. Richard Girardeau, Feb. 4.
Henry - s. Thomas Bacon, Feb. 11.
William Harris - s. William Girardeau, Feb. 15.
Rebecca - d. William Quarterman, Feb. 25.
Hepeworth Carter - d. William and Jeans Baker,
Jan. 25.
Josiah - s. James McCollough, Jan. 26.
John Francis - s. John Mitchell, jr., March 4.
Robert - s. Robert Sallett, March 4.
Elizabeth - d. James Wood, March 4.
Daughter - Mr. Foster, March 4.
Rebecca - d. Thomas Graves, March 15.
William and Sarah - s. and d. William and Sarah
Goulding.
Margaret - d. _____ McCollough, March 27.
Thomas Bradwell, April 24.
John Bradwell, April 24.
William Given Bradwell, April 24.
Grace Carr, April 24.
Elizabeth Hastings, April 24.
Catharine Hastings, April 24.
Samuel Spry and Nathaniel - s's. Joseph Law,
April 29.
Hannah - d. William West, April 29.
Eliza Green - d. Mrs. Lowe, April 29.

1788.

John Osgood - s. James Wilson, May 25.
Sarah - d. John and Mary Way.
Hannah Gwin - d. Thomas Bradwell.

Mary - d. William Baker R.

Ann - d. Edward Sumner, March 23.

1789.

Elizabeth - d. John Osgood, June 28.

Mary Elizabeth - d. Margaret Goulding, July 6.

Gideon - s. William and Elizabeth Baker,
December.

Elizabeth - d. James Wood, December.

1790.

Elizabeth - d. James Wilson, Jan. 11.

Mary Wilson - d. John Stacy, Feb. 14.

Thomas Dowse - s. Thomas Bradwell, March 7.

Jane Euphemia Darling - d. Artemas Baker,
March 8.

John Robert s. and Daughter - Charles Irvine,
March 8.

Cynthia (?) and Elizabeth Sumner - d's. Peter
Winn, April 25.

Cynthia - d. Thomas Sumner, April 25.

Samuel - s. John Lambright, June 30.

Samuel - s. Samuel and Ann Bird, June 30.

Charlotte - d. William and Jeans Baker, June 30.

William - s. William and Hannah Way, June 30.

Mary Esther - d. Mrs. Mary Sallens, July 4.

Richard - s. Richard Girardeau, Dec. 5.

Rebecca - d. Joseph Quarterman, Dec. 5.

1791.

John - s. John and Sarah Stacy, Jan. 16.

Sarah - d. Robert Iverson, Jan. 23.

Millicent - d. Joel and Mary Walker, Feb. 6.

Ann - d. Samuel Spencer, Feb. 20

Jane Wells - d. Joseph and Mary Plummer,
Feb. 27.
Mary - d. James and Mary McCollough, March 20.
Arlissa - d. William and Sarah Quarterman,
March 28.
William - s. John and Renchie Elliott, May 1.
Mary - d. Daniel and Susanna Stewart, July 4.
Mary and Ann Elizabeth - d's. John Peacock,
August.
Peter John - s. Peter Goulding, July 31.
Daniel - s. William and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 2.
Margaret - d. William McCollough, Oct. 23.
Thos. Quarterman and Rebecca Bacon - s. and d.
Jno. and R. Norman, Nov. 13.
Ann - d. Nathaniel McCollough, Nov. 13.
Daniel McLochlan - s. Daniel and Susanna Stewart,
Dec. 4.

1792.

Thomas - s. Mrs. Rebecca Quarterman, Feb. 12.
Elizabeth Franklin - d. Thomas Carter, Feb. 26.
Martha Winn, April 20.
John - s. Mrs. Martha Winn, April 22
William - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels, May 13.
Margaret - d. John Stacy, June 3.
George Hughes, June 24.
Samuel - s. Richard Shave, June 24.
Rebecca - d. Samuel and Mary Jones, July 8.
Ann - d. James and Elizabeth Wood, July 12.
Charles - s. Charles and Ann Dunham, July 12.
Thomas Sumner - s. Peter and Ann Winn, July 22.
William - s. Francis and Mary Ross, Nov. 11.
Maria - d. John and Mary Mitchell, Nov. 11.
Thomas Osgood - s. George and Elizabeth Hughes,
Nov. 11.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Elizabeth Law, Nov. 11.
Samuel - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer, Nov. 18.
Mary Ann - d. William and Patience Girardeau,
Dec. 2.

1793.

Sarah - d. Joseph and Sarah Way, jr., Jan. 6.
William - s. Richard and Mary Cooper, Jan. 13.
James - s. James and Elizabeth Wilson, Feb. 17.
William - s. John and Rebecca Osgood, Feb. 24.
Thomas Graves - s. John and Sarah Way,
March 31.
James Sharp - s. Thoms and Mary Bradwell,
June 2.
Ann - d. Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman, Dec. 1.
John - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels, Dec. 15.
Ann Washington - d. James Wilkinson, Dec. 15.
Cyrus - s. Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Dec. 8.

1794.

Sophia - d. Daniel and Susanna Stewart, March 9.
Samuel - s. Robert and Rebecca Iverson,
March 16.
William - s. William and Rebecca Norman,
March 30.
Sarah - d. Samuel Spencer, June 1.
Samuel Jurdine - s. Mrs. Dorcas Lines, April
(By Rev. Mr. McWhir).
William - s. Richard Shave, June 8.
Ann Jemima - d. Thomas Mell.
Artaxerxes - d. Richard Norman, June 29.
Abiel - s. Peter and Nancy Winn, Oct. 12.
John - s. John and Sarah Fulton, Nov. 30.
Elizabeth - d. John and Eliza Jones, Dec. 7.
Stephen - s. Thomas and Eliza Carter, Dec. 7.

William Francis - s. Francis Shepard, Dec. 14.

William - s. George and Eliza Hughes, Dec. 14.

1795.

Thomas - s. William and Susanna Baker,
March 16.

John - s. Joseph and Sarah Way, sr., April 5.

Mary - d. Francis and Mary Ross, April 5.

Moses William - s. John and Sarah Way, April 12.

Samuel - s. Joseph Law, April 15.

Elizabeth Bennett - d. William Way, Nov. 22.

William - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer, Nov. 22.

Rebecca - d. John and Rebecca Osgood, Dec. 6.

Matthew - s. Matthew and Mary Bennett, Dec. 11.

Mary Fleming - d. Josiah Osgood, jr., Dec. 11.

Susanna - d. Daniel and Susanna Stewart, Dec. 27.

1796.

Elias - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels, Jan. 3.

James Blakely - s. James and Martha Witherspoon,
Jan. 3.

William Camp - s. Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve,
Jan. 3.

John - s. Thomas Bradwell, March 13.

John - s. James and Mary McCollough, April 10.

James Audley - s. Audley and Mary Maxwell,
May 15.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman,
May 22.

William Quarterman - s. John and Susanna Bacon,
May 29.

Mary Elizabeth - d. Mrs. Rebecca Norman,
June 5.

John - s. William and Patience Girardeau,
July 3.

Melinna - d. Joseph and Eliza Law, Oct. 23.
Samuel - s. Samuel and Sarah Stevens, Oct. 23.
Caroline Matilda - d. John and Esther Elliott,
Dec. 11.

1797.

John Edward - s. John and Ann Quarterman,
Jan. 22.
William Graves - s. John and Sarah Way,
March 26.
Orlando - s. Francis and Mary Shepard, April 2.
Ann and Samuel - d. and s. Samuel and Mary
Jones, April 5.
Samuel - s. Richard Norman, April 16.
Louisa - d. John and Margaret Croft, June 11.
Mary Newton - d. John and Elizabeth Jones,
July 9.
Aaron Shave - s. (adopted) Richard Shave,
July 16.
Sarah - d. Peter and Nancy Winn, Aug. 13.
Benjamin and John - s's. Thomas and Sally Mell,
Sept. 10.
William Henry - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels,
Oct. 8.
Mary - d. Matthew and Mary Bennett, Nov. 5.
Charles Francis - s. Joel and Mary Walker,
Nov. 12.
William - s. John Osgood, Nov. 27.

1798.

Mary Valeria - d. Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Jan. 28.
Esther Amarantha - d. John and Esther Elliott,
Jan. 28.
Francis - s. Francis and Mary Smallwood, Jan. 28.
Elizabeth - d. Richard and Mary Shave, Feb. 25.

- Joseph Oswald - s. Daniel and Susanna Stewart,
Feb. 25.
- Mary Esther - d. James and Eliza Sandiford,
February (by Mr. Cloud).
- Mary Ann - d. Josiah and Ann Osgood, April 8.
- Polly - d. George and Elizabeth Hughes, May 6.
- William - s. James and Mary McCollough, June 10.
- William - s. William J. and Eliza Baker, June 10.
- Susanna - d. Francis and Susanna Ross, June 10.
- Miriam Eliza - d. Joseph and Eliza Quarterman,
June 10.
- Elizabeth Quarterman - d. John and Lydia
Mallard, June 19.
- Mary - d. Thomas Cox, July 1.
- Joseph - s. Micajah and Ann Andrews, July 22.
- Elizabeth Mary - d. Samuel and Sarah Stevens,
Sept. 30.
- Joseph Stevens - s. William and Ann Baker,
Oct. 14.
- Sally - d. John and Susanna Bacon, Oct. 21.
- Harriet Elizabeth - d. John and Margaret Croft,
Oct. 29.
- William - s. James and Martha Witherspoon,
Nov. 11.
- Daughter - Joseph and Eliza Law, Nov. 18.
- Washington - s. Peter and Ann Winn, Nov. 25.
- Mary Thompson - d. Samuel and Mary Jones,
Dec. 2.
- William Pinkney - s. William and Patience
Girardeau, Dec. 2.
- John William - s. John and Sarah Stacy, Dec. 9.

1799.

- John - s. John and Eliza Jones, Jan. 20.
- William - s. John and Ann Quarterman, Feb. 3.

- Joseph - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer, Feb. 3.
Mary Ann Graves - d. Francis and Mary Shepard,
Feb. 21.
Samuel - s. Audley and Mary Maxwell, Feb. 26.
Quarterman - s. William and Eliza Way.
James Arthur - s. Charles and Christian Stewart,
April 7.
John Bacon - s. Joseph and Eliza Quarterman,
Aug. 18.
Eliza Ann - d. P. H. and Ann Wilkins, Aug. 18.
Jonathan Bacon, Oct. 20.
Mary Rebecca - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon,
Oct. 20.
Anna Rebecca - d. William and Ann Bell, Nov. 4.
Patsy - d. Daniel and Susanna Stewart, Aug. 15.
Sarah Osgood - d. Matthew and Mary Bennett,
Nov. 26.
William Paul - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
Nov. 26.
William Arthur - s. James and Margaret Graham,
Dec. 29.

1800.

- John - s. John and Lydia Mallard, Feb. 9.
Sarah - d. Richard and Amey Shave, Feb. 16.
Josiah Bacon - s. Charles and Christian Stewart,
Feb. 23.
Margaret Rebecca - d. Elias and Sarah Cassels,
March 16.
Eliza Jane - d. Samuel and Elizabeth Sandiford,
April 6.
Amarintha Kezia - d. Rev. C. Gildersleeve,
April 18.
Eliza - d. Samuel and Sarah Stevens, April 20.
Edward Way - John S. and Ann Quarterman, May 4.

Jane Mary - d. Paul H. and Ann Wiklins, May 11.
Hannah Isabella - d. James and Ann Wilkinson,
May 18.

John Stevens - s. Joseph and Elizabeth Law,
May 18.

William Thomas - s. John and Patience Mell,
May 25.

David Anderson - s. Samuel Law, May 25.

Mary and Isabel Maria - d's. Mrs. Nathaniel
McCollough, May 25.

Thomas - s. Samuel and Mary Jones, Oct. 12.

Edward Quarterman - s. Micajah and Ann
Andrews, Oct. 26.

1801.

Artemas - William J. and Elizabeth Baker, Jan. 11.
William Quarterman - s. Elijah and Rebecca
Baker, Jan. 18.

Sanford - s. Liberty and Susannah Holmes, Feb. 1.

Sarah - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon, March 1.

Mary A. Feaster - d. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
April 5.

George Washington - s. Andrew and Ann Walthour,
April 17.

Thomas Stevens - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer,
June 14.

Eliza Winn - d. Thomas Bacon, June 14.

Mary Jemima - d. William and Ann Way, June 28.

James - s. John and Sarah Stacy, Oct. 11.

Susanna Rebecca - d. Thomas and Mary Stevens,
Nov. 1.

Thomas - s. Thomas Bacon.

1802.

Mary Susanna - d. Mrs. Elizabeth Quarterman,
Feb. 6.

Dorcas - d. Richard and Amey Shave, Feb. 7.
John - s. John and Esther Elliott, April 4.
Mary Elizabeth - d. Samuel and Mary Wilkins,
April 11.
Martha and Thomas Wheeler - d. and s. Thomas
and Martha Bacon, April 11.
Mary - d. John and Lydia Mallard, April 11.
James Hervey - s. Hugh and Mary McCollough,
April 25.
Sarah Ann - d. Thomas and Sarah Mallard, May 9.
Elizabeth Sally - d. John and Patience Mell,
May 30.
William - d. Samuel and Mary Jones, July 4.
Mary Moore - d. Francis and Mary Smallwood,
Oct. 10.
Mary - d. George and Elizabeth Hughes.
Susanna - d. Elias and Sarah Cassels, Oct. 24.

1803.

William Elliot Way - s. John S. and Ann
Quarterman, Jan. 16.
Samuel - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton.
Lydia Way - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Feb. 20.
Edmond Jones - s. Nathaniel and Mary Law,
Feb. 27.
Joseph Edward - s. Audley and Mary Maxwell,
March 6.
Paul Hamilton - s. Paul H. and Ann Wilkins,
March 27.
Ann Rebecca - d. Micajah and Ann Andrews,
April 17.
Sarah Rebecca - d. Samuel and Ann Spencer,
May 8.
William Hughes - s. William and Sarah Baker,
May 15.

- Samuel - s. William J. and Elizabeth Baker,
June 12.
- Thomas Martin - s. Samuel Sanders, June 19.
- Thomas Jane - s. Thomas Shepard, July 31.
- William - s. Dr. Thomas and Mary Stevens.
- Ann Oswald - s. Peter and Mary Winn, Aug. 28.
- Mary Spencer - d. Joseph and Mary Bacon,
Aug. 28.
- Rebecca Jane - d. John and Esther Elliott,
Nov. 13.
- Sarah Ann - d. Andrew and Ann Walthour, Nov. 13.
- Sarah Elizabeth - d. Rev. C. Gildersleeve,
Nov. 13.
- William James - s. William and Priscilla Way,
Nov. 20.
- William Bennett - s. William Fleming, December.

1804.

- Elizabeth and Rebecca - d. Thomas and Mary
Smith, March 11.
- Susanna Mary - d. John and Susanna Jones,
April 29.
- Daughter - Mr. Hunt (Sunbury), June 23.
- Ann Lydia - d. John and Lydia Mallard, Aug. 12.
- Silas - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton, Sept. 2.
- Thomas Newton - s. Thomas and Sarah Mallard,
Sept. 30.
- Elizabeth Quarterman - d. John and Sarah Stacy,
Dec. 2.

1805.

- Sarah Stewart - d. John S. and Ann Quarterman,
Feb. 17.
- Josiah Stewart - s. Josiah and Mary Wilson,
March 17.

- Thomas - s. Samuel and Sarah Stevens, April 6.
 Susanna Sarah - d. William and Priscilla Way,
 May 19.
 Robert Quarterman - s. Micajah and Ann Andrews,
 May 19.
 Joseph Andrew - s. Joseph and Martha Way,
 June 8.
 Child - John Martin, June 8.
 Charles Colcock - s. John and Susanna Jones,
 June 9.
 Samuel - s. Mrs. Ann Spencer, July 7.
 Eliza Esther - d. Thomas and Rebecca Shepard,
 Oct. 6.
 Sarah Elizabeth - d. Thomas and Mary Stevens,
 Oct. 6.
 Maria Margaret and Ann Martha - d's. Jos. and
 Eliz'h Law (Col. Island) Oct. 21.
 Ann Amelia - d. Mrs. Ann Dicks, Oct. 21.
 Samuel Henry - s. Mrs. Sarah Manly, Oct. 27.
 John - s. William and Sarah Baker, Oct. 27.
 Elizabeth - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Oct. 27.
 Joseph Francis - s. Joseph and Mary McGowen,
 November .
 Sarah A. - d. William and Ann Bell, November.
 Robert - s. Liberty and Susanna Holmes, Dec. 15.
 John Spears, Dec. 22.
 William and Sarah - s. and d. William Brown,
 Dec. 29.

1806.

- Susanna Quarterman - d. John and Susanna Bacon,
 Feb. 23.
 Edward - s. John S. and Ann Quarterman, Feb. 23.
 Harriet Rebecca - d. John J. and Mary Baker,
 May 25.

Spry - d. Nathaniel and Mary Law, June 8.
Daughter - Andrew and Ann Walthour, June 15.
John Elliott - s. John Hunt, June 22.
Sarah Osgood - d. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
November.

1807.

Richard Shave - s. Thomas and Mary Smith,
Jan. 25.
Mary Jane - d. John and Elizabeth Roberts,
Feb. 15.
Ann Eliza - Oliver and Elizabeth Stevens, Feb. 15.
Margaret Fraser - d. John Martin, Feb. 15.
Mary Susan - d. Josiah Wilson, Feb. 15.
Benjamin Mell - s. William and Sarah Baker,
April 5.
Mary Boon - d. John and Mary McGowen, May 3.
Mary Elizabeth - d. Joseph and Elizabeth Law.
Ann Catharine - d. Thomas and Elizabeth Bacon,
May 10.
Peter Winn - s. William and Anna Fleming,
May 31.
Josiah Osgood - s. Jesse and Mary Horn, May 31.
Eliza Catharine and Mary - d's. Daniel Sullivan,
June 20.
Robert - s. _____ McIntosh, June 20.
Ezra - s. John and Sarah Stacy, July 12.
Sarah Jane - d. Micajah and Ann Andrews, July 19.
Mary Ann - d. Joseph and Martha Way, Aug. 30.
Joseph Elliott, Peter William, Sarah Elizabeth and
Lydia Caroline, - s's. and d's. Thomas E.
and Sarah Law, Sept. 20.
James Wilson - s. John and Elizabeth Winn,
Nov. 29.
Hannah Caroline - d. Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Nov. 29.

John - s. John and Esther Elliott, Dec. 13.

Sarah Sumner - d. Joseph and Mary Bacon,
Dec. 13.

Mary - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Dec. 13.

1808.

John - s. John and Susanna Bacon, Feb. 28.

John Gold - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
March 20.

Mary Elizabeth - d. Charlton Hines, March 27.

Mary Graves - d. Thomas and Mary R. Stevens,
March 27.

John Francis - s. James and Sarah Sandiford,
April 17.

Sarah Wilson - d. Thomas Mallard, April 24.

John Winn and William - s's. Thomas and
Rebecca Baker, jr., May 29.

Mary Catharine - d. Benjamin and Charlotte Winn,
May 29.

Mary Ann - d. Benjamin and Cynthia Mell, May 29.

Thomas and William Samuel - s's. Thomas and
Rebecca Baker, jr., June 5.

Margaret Frances - d. Daniel Sullivan, June 12.

Ann Carter - d. John and Hepeworth Stewart,
July 2.

Margaret Rebecca - d. Joseph and Mary Norman,
Sept. 11.

William Henry - s. Henry and Bonette Bacon,
Sept. 11.

Mary Caroline - d. Oliver and Eliza Stevens, July.

Thomas Club - s. Daniel Sullivan, July.

John Boyd - s. John and Lydia Mallard, Oct. 16.

1809.

Edward William - s. Robert and Rebecca
Quarterman, Jan. 22.

- Margaret Elizabeth - d. Jesse and Mary Ham,
Jan. 22.
- William Elliott - s. John and Rebecca Way, Feb. 5.
- Sarah Rebecca - d. William and Sarah Baker,
Feb. 5.
- James Madison - s. William and Anna Fleming,
Feb. 19.
- Samuel - s. John and Mary McGowen, March 19.
- Levi - s. Thomas and Mary Smith, March 19.
- Esther Ann - d. Daniel and Esther Sullivan,
May 14.
- Renchie Elizabeth - d. John and Eliza Roberts,
June 11.
- Julia Rebecca - d. Audley and Mary Maxwell,
June 25.
- Jane Elizabeth - d. John and Esther Elliott,
Nov. 5.
- Esther Augustus - d. John and Jane Dunwoody,
Nov. 5.

1810.

- John - s. Micajah and Ann Andrews, Feb. 11.
- Mrs. Sarah Sandiford, Feb. 24.
- Son - James and Sarah Sandiford, Feb. 24.
- Child - John Wilkins, Feb. 24.
- Mary Eliza - d. John and Eliza Winn, March 6. —
- William Baker and Daniel Baker, Thomas and
Rebecca Shepard, March 6.
- Josiah Osgood - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
March 18.
- Thos. Graves - s. Thomas and Mary Stevens,
April 1.
- Charlotte Baker - d. Benjamin and Charlotte Winn,
April 8.
- Louisa - d. Oliver and Eliza Stevens, April 8.

Moses Liberty and Sarah White - s. and d.
Samuel and Mary Jones, April 29.
James Sullivan - s. James and Elizabeth
McCollough.
David Anderson - s. Hugh and Elizabeth Miller.
Sarah Rebecca - s. William and Sarah Baker.
Sarah Ann - d. John and Sarah Stacy, Oct. 29.
Mary Susanna - d. Robert and Rebecca
Quarterman, Nov. 19.
Amanda Matilda - d. Josiah and Mary Wilson,
Nov. 18.
Mary Louisa - d. John Wilkins, Dec. 2.
Catharine Margaret - d. Rev. Mr. Murphy,
Dec. 8.
James Dana - s. John Stevens, Dec. 8.
Lora - d. Joseph Laing, Dec. 8.
Eliza Catharine - d. Thomas Baker, Dec. 8.

1811.

John - s. John Bacon.
Susan Ann - d. Joseph Bacon, Jan. 13.
Mary Amarintha - d. John Mallard, Jan. 13.
Francis Robert - s. Thomas and Ann Goulding,
March 23.
Son - P. H. Wilkins, April 7.
Hester Rebecca - d. James Sandiford, April 7.
Mary - d. Jesse Ham. April 7.
Daniel Edward - s. John McGowen, July 4.
Frances Leonard - d. Leonard Jurdine, July 4.
William Joseph - s. Benjamin Mell, Sept. 11.

1812.

Sarah Elizabeth - d. Dr. T. Stevens, Jan. 26.
Child - John and Hester Elliott, Jan. 26.
Lazarus James - s. Thomas Mallard, March.
Sarah Ann - d. John and Eliza Winn, May 24.

Oliver Winn - s. Oliver and Eliza Stevens,
May 24.

Kerenhappuck - s. John and Elizabeth Roberts,
May 17.

John Sidney - s. William Fleming, September.

1813.

Sarah Eliza - d. Josiah Wilson, Feb. 13.

Harriett Elizabeth - John Stevens, Feb. 13.

Ann - d. Mrs. Shumate, Feb. 13.

Jane Rebecca - d. John Dunwoody, Sept. 28.

Eliza Sumner - d. Joseph Bacon, Sept. 28.

Ann Miriam - d. Joseph Norman, Sept. 28.

Elizabeth Polly - d. Micajah Andrews, April 18.

Robert - s. John Stacy, May 2.

Sarah Caroline - d. General Stewart, May 30.

Charlton - s. Charlton Hines, May 30.

William - s. Alexander Martin, Aug. 7.

Sarah Harriet and Mary Eliza - d's Samuel Lewis,
Aug. 29.

Mary Catharine - d. P. F. Winn, August.

Ann Caroline - d. Dr. Stevens, Sept. 26.

Mary Emeline - d. Thomas and Patience Mallard,
Sept. 26.

1814.

Robert and Thomas - s's. Robert Quarterman,
Feb. 27.

Lydia - d. William McGowen, Feb. 27.

Edward Abiel - s. Oliver Stevens, March 6.

John - d. John Winn, March 6.

Daughter - John Elliott, March 13.

Jane Mary - d. P. H. Wilkins, March 26.

Elijah - s. Samuel Lewis, April 3.

Mary Catharine - d. Dr. T. M. Kallendar,
April 3.

Sereno - d. John and Rebecca Way.

Sarah Susanna - d. Joseph and Mary Norman.

Daniel - d. William and Sarah Baker.

David - s. John Fulton.

Patrick Hughes - s. Benjamin and Cynthia Mell.

1815.

Andrew - s. William and M. A. Osgood, Jan. 8.

Abiel - s. P. F. Winn, May 7.

Collin Alexis - s. Josiah Wilson, May 7.

Eliza Sumner - d. Joseph Bacon, June 18.

Daughter - Donald Fraser.

Samuel Newton - s. Samuel Lewis, Aug. 26.

John Norman - s. W. N. Way, Dec. 10.

Georgia Drusilla - Gen. D. and Sarah Stewart.

Thomas Winn - s. William and A. Fleming,
Dec. 16.

1816.

Lydia Quarterman - d. Micajah Andrews, Jan. 7.

Peter - s. John and Eliza Winn, Jan. 7.

John - s. John Fraser, Feb. 11.

Daughter - Joseph Law, Feb. 24.

Daughter - Nathaniel Law, Feb. 24.

John Stacy - s. Joseph Norman, Feb. 24.

Charles James - John Elliott, Feb. 25.

Thomas Samuel - s. Thomas Mallard, Aug. 25.

George Washington - Wm. and Mary Anderson,
October.

Son - William Fraser, Aug. 25.

William Middleton - s. Robert Quarterman,
Dec. 15.

John Samuel - s. Dr. Stevens, Dec. 29.

Thomas Samuel - s. Richard and Ann Baker,
Dec. 29.

1817.

James Bullock - s. John Dunwoody, Jan. 26.
Martha Caroline - d. Josiah Wilson, March.
Sons - P. H. Wilkins, April 6.
Mary - d. John Fulton, April 6.
Adaline - d. John Way, April 6.
Child - Joseph Bacon.

1818.

Child - William F. Ladson.
Mary Lucilla - d. Josiah Wilson.
David, William, George Washington and Sarah -
s's. and d. Wm. Anderson.
Child - N. Varnedoe.
Child - Joseph Norman.
William Wilson - s. John Winn, June.
Ann Drusilla - d. Samuel and Drusilla Lewis,
June.
Olivia - d. William Fleming, September.
Child - John Maxwell,
Child - William N. Way.
Child - Mrs. Ann Baker.
Cyrus Stevens - s. Thomas Mallard, Dec. 12.
John - s. John and Jane Dunwoody (New Haven),
December.

1819.

John Whitehead - s. John Elliott, Jan. 16.
John - s. Louis and Ann LeConte, February.
John Lawrence - s. John S. Quarterman, April.

1820.

Richard Quarterman - s. John and Rebecca Way,
February.

Caroline Rebecca - Samuel and Drusilla Lewis,
August.

Thomas William - s. Joseph and Mary Norman.

Lazarus John - s. Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
December.

1821.

Child - Mrs. John Fulton.

Robert - s. Thomas Quarterman, February.

Susan Ann - d. John Elliott, March 25.

Daniel Stewart - s. Josiah Wilson, April 1.

Son - Joseph Bacon, April 8.

Louis - s. Louis and Ann LeConte, June 3.

Ann Eliza - d. Joseph and Margaret Way.

Jane Marion - d. John and Jane Dunwoody
(Savannah) July.

Miss Harriet Moore, Nov. 17.

Murdock Murphy - s. John Way.

Sarah Elizabeth - s. J. Field.

1822.

Rebecca Claudia - d. N. Varnedoe, April 8.

Thomas Young - s. Col. J. Maxwell, Aug. 24.

Elizabeth Ellen - d. D. Fraser, Aug. 24.

William Francis - s. William Ladson, Aug. 24.

Ann Sophronia - d. Josiah Wilson, Aug. 25.

James Carter and Sarah Amanda - s. and d. M.

Mara (Deceased. Presented by Mrs. Mara),
Aug. 25.

William Fleming - s. W. N. Way, May 20.

Georgia Amanda - d. J. Elliott, July 28.

Anna Rebecca - d. Rev. R. Quarterman, Nov. 24.

Susan Westbury - d. J. S. Quarterman, Nov. 24.

Cynthia - d. Joseph Bacon, Nov. 24.

1823.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Margaret Way, March.

Harriet Newell - d. Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
May 31.

Mary Eliza - d. Joseph Norman, May 31.

Caroline Elizabeth - d. Benjamin and Mary Fuller,
August.

Henry - s. John and Rebecca Way, October.

Mary Susan - d. Thomas Quarterman, November.

Joseph - s. Louis and Ann LeConte, November.

1824.

William Elliot - s. John and Jane Dunwoody,
January.

Caroline Amanda - d. William Q. and Ann Baker,
February.

Addison - s. Moses and Elizabeth Way, June.

John Pray - s. John and Mary Bacon, August.

Sarah Ann - d. John N. and Eliza Way, Sept. 6.

Harriet Atwood - d. Joseph and Mary Norman,
October.

Laura Elizabeth - d. James A. and Susan Max-
well, Nov. 27.

1825.

Ann - d. Louis and Ann LeConte, May.

Joseph Andrew and Susan Marion - s. and d. Wm.
and Mary Anderson, May.

Susan Lorena - d. James and Mary B. Stacy,
May.

Nathaniel - s. John and Rebecca Way, June.

Rebecca Louisa - d. Thomas and Rebecca Mallard,
August.

Elizabeth Rebecca, William and Susan Sarah - d's.
and. s. William and Sarah Norman, August.

Mary William - d. Maj. John and Mary Bacon,
October.

Rebecca Ann - d. William Q. and Ann Baker,
October.

1826

Robert - James McIntosh, March.

Henry Macon - John and Jane Dunwoody, April.

Milton Elbert - s. John W. and Mary Stacy, June.

Mary - d. Rev. Robert and Mary J. Quarterman,
June.

Mary Augusta and James Blakely - d. and s. Dr.
Robert and Sarah McConnell, Dec. 3.

1827.

Lydia Matilda - d. William Q. and Ann Baker,
February.

William John and Edward Williamson - s's.
Edward and Susan Russell, Feb.

Lafayette Stewart - s. John S. and Susan
Quarterman, February.

John Baker, Feb. 25.

Sarah Ann Sanders, Feb. 25.

Jane Girardeau, Feb. 25.

William and Mary Elizabeth - s. and d. W. P.
and Jane Girardeau, March 4.

Matilda Rebecca - d. Joseph and Harriet
McGowen, May.

William Quarterman - s. William and Sarah
Spencer, May.

James Wilson - s. Maj. John and Mary Bacon,
May.

Susan Eliza - d. James and Sarah Wilson, May.

Joseph Hargraves - s. Joseph and Mary Norman,
June.

Sarah Jane - d. William and Sarah Norman,
August.

Margaret - William and Mary Shave, Dec. 9.

Amanda Elizabeth, Ann Mary and Andrew - d s.
and s. George and Mary Walthour, Dec. 16.

William John - s. John N. and Eliza Way,
December.

Daniel - s. John and Martha Elliott, December.

1828.

Clifford Amanda Stiles - d. Dr. Charles and
Eveline West, May 18.

Charles Edward and Georgia - s. and d. Jas. A.
and Susan Maxwell, June 29.

1854.

Cyrus Stevens - s. L. J. and Sarah Mallard, May.

William Augustus - s. Joseph and Harriet Bacon,
July.

William Alonzo Church - s. W. S. and Susan
Norman, July.

Maria Josephine - d. Henry and Hannah Way,
July.

William Wilson - s. W. W. and Louisa Winn,
Nov. 25.

1855.

Walter Lowrie - s. Ezra and Maria Stacy,
Dec. 25.

Eulalie - d. E. B. and Sarah Ann Way, June 3.

Donald Alexander -s. Simon and Mary Fraser,
Dec. 25.

Samuel Baker - s. John E. and Elizabeth Mann,
Aug. 12.

Eliza Winn - d. Thomas and Susan Fleming,
Nov. 25.

Augusta Theodore - d. Dr. Samuel and Olivia Way.

1856.

Mary Elizabeth - d. Edward Quarterman, June 22.

Josephine - d. N. I. Varnedoe, July 13.

Lyman Buttolph - s. L. J. Mallard, Aug. 23.

Ann Eliza - d. Ezra and Maria Stacy, Aug. 31.

1857.

Lafayettee Stewart Quarterman, Feb. 1.

Wallace Winn - s. S. A. Fraser, Sept. 6.

Charles E. Maxwell - s. Rev. D. L. Buttolph,
Nov. 22.

Louis Sumner - s. W. W. and Louisa Winn,
Dec. 13.

1858.

Charles Edward Maxwell - s. T. W. and Susan
Fleming, Feb. 27.

Josephine Bacon - d. Dr. J. B. and Mary J. Way
February.

Nathaniel Varnedoe Ladson, June 6.

Thomas Alexander Mann, June 13.

Laura Catharine Way, July 13.

Alexander Shepard Martin, July 13.

1859.

Lyman Buttolph Norman.

Harriet Mallard Varnedoe, Aug. 21.

Mary Louisa Stacy, Sept. 25.

Mary Ellen Quarterman, Oct. 16.

1860.

Julia Beman Jones, Feb. 12.

Josephine Bacon Fleming, May 26.
John Fleming Spivey Way, June 3.
Edgar Bacon Way, June 3.
William Bacon Way, June 3.
Æneas Stacy Way, June 3.
Leland Buttolph Way, June 3.
Joseph Bacon Fraser, June 24.
Rosa William Mann, June 24.
James Sewell Ladson, Oct. 21.
Samuel Axson Way, Oct. 21.

1861.

Ann Screven Mallard, Feb. 23.
Laura Eloise McConnell, Feb. 24.
Samuel Stanhope Jones, March 3.
Anna Quarterman Way, July 14.
Amelia America Norman, Sept. 1.
Joseph Bacon Way, Oct. 13.

1862.

William Smyth Buttolph, Feb. 23.
Frederic Wells King, March 30.
Catharine King, Nov. 4.

1863.

Peter Winn Fleming, May 24.
Palmer Goulding Stacy, May 31.
Mary Busby Varnedoe, June 28.
Joseph Elbert Norman, July 12.
Mary Jane Fraser, July 12.
Mary Lavender Stacy, July 12.
William Andrew Legriel, Dec. 27.

1752.

Susanna - w. Benjamin Baker (died next day after arrival), Dec. 8.

1754.

Elizabeth - w. Richard Baker, Sept. 22.
John Gorton, April 17.

1755.

Elizabeth - w. John Quarterman, sr., Aug. 12.
Elizabeth - d. Benjamin Andrew (in Carolina),
October or November.

1756.

John Norman, Oct. 28.
Samuel Baker, Nov. 2.
Robert - s. John Winn, Nov. 2.

1757.

John - s. Richard Spencer, Oct. 10.
Samuel Way, Dec. 5.

1758.

Richard - s. Benjamin Andrew, Sept. 6.
John - s. Joseph Massey, Sept. 26.
Elizabeth - d. Samuel Bacon, Oct. 25.
Child - Richard Girardeau, Oct. 26.
John - s. William Graves, Nov. 21.
John Sumner, Feb. 20.

1759.

Child - Samuel Burnley, March 31.
John Stevens, Esq., June 2.
Ann - d. John Stewart, jr., July 31.
Thomas - s. Thomas Way, Sept. 25.



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Rebecca - d. William Graves, Oct. 29.

1760.

Joseph - s. Joseph Andrew, October 13.

1761.

Sarah - w. James Maxwell, Aug. 2.

Ann - w. John Winn, Aug. 5.

Mary Ann - d. Palmer Goulding, Aug. 11.

Hannah - d. Benjamin Andrew, Oct. 27.

Son - " " Oct. 28.

Sarah - w. Daniel Donavan, Dec. 31.

1762.

Joseph - s. Samuel Bacon, Jan. 4.

Jerusha - w. John Stewart, sr., Jan. 3.

Susanna - w. Benjamin Andrew.

1763.

Sarah - w. William Baker, Jan. 4.

George Godfrey, March 24.

John - s. John Stewart, sr., March 25.

Charles West, Sept. 10.

Hesther - w. Barak Norman.

1764.

Joanna - w. John Lupton, Jan. 6.

Elizabeth - w. Andrew Way, and twins, Mar. 9.

Audley Maxwell, Oct. 17.

Joseph Bacon, sr.

Barak Norman.

1765.

John Quarterman, sr., Feb. 21.

Joseph Winn.

Lydia - w: Moses Way.

Capt. John Elliott.

Elizabeth Simmons.

John Stewart, sr.

John - s. John Bacon.

Mary - d. James and Hester Andrew, Aug. 15.

Isaac Lines. 1766.

Richard Girardeau, sr., April 25.

Joseph P. - s. Joseph and Ann Way, April 29.

Matthew Jones, March 31.

Col. Kenneth Baillie, July.

Susanna - w. Thomas Christie, July 15.

Mary - w. Thomas Way, July 20.

Peter - s. Isaac and Ann Girardeau, July 20.

John - s. John and Eliza Martin, September.

Thomas Cater, September.

Elizabeth - d. Robert and Ann Smallwood, Sept.

Mary - d. John and Susanna Stewart, Sept. 26.

Ann Eliza Simmons - d. John and Elizabeth
Graves, Sept. 21.

Susanna - w. John Stewart, Oct. 21.

William Way, Oct. 24.

James Marcellus - s. James Donnom, Oct. 26.

Kenneth Baillie, jr., Dec. 18.

Martha - d. John Winn, Dec. 18.

Child - Stephen Clark, Dec. 18.

1767.

Sarah - w. Samuel Stevens, Jan. 8.

John - s. John and Susanna Stewart, Jan. 29.

Child - Stephen Clark, Jan. 31.

Ann - w. Isaac Girardeau, Feb. 1.

Mrs. Abigail Gorton, Feb. 23.

William Baker, sr., March 15.
Rebecca Baker - w. William Baker, sr., March 17.
Martha - w. Samuel Saltus, March 18.
Richard Spencer, April 15..
Thomas Bacon, April 24.
John Lupton, April 25.
Sarah Winn, June 23.
Samuel - s. William Bennett, July 11.
Mary - w. William Baker, July 17.
Richard - s. Richard and Elizabeth Baker,
Sept. 11.
Ann - d. James and Ann Maxwell, Sept. 22.
James - s. " " " Oct. 10.
Samuel Burnley, Nov. 3.
Son - Richard and Sarah Spencer, Nov. 4.
Child - Isaac and Martha Line.
Sarah Hannah - d. John and Elizabeth Martin,
Nov. 5.

1768.

Francis Mitchell, Feb. 10.
Rebecca Powell, March 5.
Mary Ann Bacon, March 4th.
Ann Cater, Sept. 2.
Elizabeth Burnley, Sept. 13.
James Maxwell, Nov. 13.
Susanna Hobbs, Nov. 13.
Parmenas - s. Parmenas and Martha Way, jr.,
Nov. 13.
Stephen Clark, Nov. 13.
John - s. John and Susanna Hobbs, October.
John - s. Palmer and Mary Goulding, Oct. 30.
William Barlow, Nov. 5.
Samuel - s. Stephen Clark, December.

1769.

Sarah - d. John Shave, Jan. 4.

Joseph - s. Joseph and Ann Stevens, Jan. 29.

John - s. John and Rebecca Davis, Feb. 14.

Mary Ann - d. Joseph and Mary Ann Andrew,
Feb. 13.

Ann - w. William Wilson, March 1.

William Liddle, April 26.

Susanna - w. Thomas Swillavant, May 21.

Susanna - d. " " May 31.

Sarah - w. William Bacon, June 16.

John Quarterman, June 21.

William Elliott, Aug. 7.

Sarah - mother, John Goulding, Aug. 29.

Mary - d. William and Rebecca Graves, Nov. 29.

Jacob - s. William and Mary Dunham, November.

William Dunham, Dec. 22.

John Middleton, Dec. 25.

1770.

Daniel Dunham, Jan. 31.

Elizabeth Dunham, Feb. 18.

John - s. Stephen Clark, May 7.

Ann Scarth, May 18.

Martha - d. Stephen Clark, July 2.

Child - s. John and Sarah Goulding, Sept. 3.

Sarah - d. John and Sarah Winn, Sept. 5.

Ann - d. Stephen and Ann Clark, Oct. 26.

Mary - w. Robert Quarterman, Nov. 2.

James Andrew, Dec. 5.

1771.

Samuel Jones, Feb. 5.

Mary - w. Edward Sumner, Feb. 13.

William Scarth, Feb. 15.

Ann Elliott - w. Gideon Dowse, Feb. 22.

John - s. John Baker, May 9.
Charles - s. Joseph Andrew, May 18.
Joseph - s. James and Ann Maxwell, Nov. 5.
Thomas Peacock (in the night), Dec. 20

1772.

John, jr. - s. John and Mary Goulding, Feb. 29.
Leonard Jurdine, buried March 7.
Henry Petty, March 8.
Sarah - w. John Goulding, March 14.
Margaret - w. Parmenas Way, March 17.
John Jones, March 22.
Mary - d. Samuel and Rebecca Jones, March 29.
Josiah Osgood, sr., June 16.
James Baker, July 9.
Jean - w. William Bennett, July 15.
Catharine Bell, Sept. 12.
Ann - d. Benjamin and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 3.
Susanna - d. Palmer and Mary Goulding, Oct. 27.
Mary - widow Samuel Spry, Nov. 28.

1773.

Mary - d. Josiah Powell, Jan. 30.
Mary - w. Hugh Bennett, Feb. 4.
Josiah - s. Palmer and Mary Goulding, March 7.
Thomas - s. Jonathan and Rebecca Bacon,
March 9.
William - s. Joseph and Mary Norman, March 9.
Samuel - s. John and Sarah Goulding, March 21.
Tabitha - widow Samuel Bacon, March 26.
Ann - d. Joseph and Ann Winn (now Ann Way),
March 5.
Thomas - s. Thomas and Elizabeth Way, April 13.
Isaac Girardeau, April 14.
Thomas Westbury, buried April 16.

William - s. James Baker, May 13.

Esther - widow James Andrew, July 6.

Rev. Mr. John Osgood (who had been our pastor from the 24th of March, 1735 O. S. - in all, thirty-eight years and about five months), died Aug. 2.

William - s. William and Sarah Swinton, Sept. 15.

Martha Milner - d. Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Sept. 16.

Mary McGuire, buried Oct. 11.

Daughter - William and Rebecca Graves, buried Oct. 11.

Elizabeth - d. William and Hannah Baker, Nov. 5.

Josiah - s. Josiah and Mary Bacon, Nov. 9.

Sarah - d. Thomas and Rebecca Quarterman, Nov. 11.

Sarah - w. David Anderson, Nov. 22.

John - s. Thomas and Catharine Bacon, Oct. 24.

Daughter - James and Esther Screven, Oct. 8.

1774.

Samuel Jeans, Jan. 2.

Edward Splatt, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Bennett - w. William Bennett, blacksmith, Jan. 20.

Joshua Clark, Jan. 22.

Sarah - d. Richard Baker, Jan. 30.

Robert Miller, buried Jan. 15.

Richard Spencer, Feb. 4.

Mary - w. Thomas Shepherd, March 16.

Joseph Andrew, buried April 11.

Elizabeth - d. John, sr., and Martha Mitchell, Sept. 13.

Elizabeth - d. Edward and Rebecca Ball, Sept. 13.

Elizabeth and Jonathan - s. and d. John and Sarah Stacy, buried Sept. 22.

Capt. Thomas Carter, March 8 or 9.
Sally - d. William and Sally Bacon, Oct. 17.
Catharine - d. Isham and Rebecca Andrews,
Oct. 17.
Mary - w. Josiah Bacon, Dec. 3.
Samuel - s. Samuel and Mary Spry, buried Dec. 9.

1775.

Sarah Mitchell, buried Jan. 1.
Ladson (from Carolina), Jan. 8.
Child - William Fox, Jan. 29.
Micajah Henson, Jan. 23.
Mary - d. Robert and Elizabeth Quarterman,
Feb. 19.
Rebecca - w. Thomas Quarterman, buried,
March 12.
Elizabeth - w. Nathan Brownson, April 4.
Richard Baker, April 10.
Robert Smallwood, April 28.
Mrs. Sarah Jeans, June 25.
Sarah - d. Samuel and Susanna Saltus, Oct. 4.
Stephen - s. Parmenas and Sarah Way, Oct. 26.
Susanna - d. William and Elizabeth Simpson,
Oct. 27.
Peter Sallins, Sr., Oct. 28.
William - s. William and Elizabeth Way, Nov. 6.
John Osgood - s. Richard and Elizabeth Baker,
Nov. 14.
John - s. William and Rebecca Graves, Nov. 15.
Child - Sampson Ball, Nov. 15.

1776.

Son - Joseph and Sarah Way, Jan. 8.
John - s. Benjamin and Mary Andrew, March 17.
Edward - s. Nathaniel Sumner, March 30.

William - s. Joseph and Mary Bacon, April 4.
 Sarah - w. Parmenas Way, Esq., June 20.
 Daughter - Samuel and Elizabeth Stevens, July 23.
 Audley Maxwell, Sr., Oct. 8.
 John Stewart, Sept. 4.
 Child - Daniel and Mary Swillavant, Nov. 12.
 Mrs. Hannah Maxwell - w. Audley, deceased,
 Dec. 16.

1777.

Sarah -d. John and Sarah Winn, March 15.
 Wife - Captain George Nickols, buried June 26.
 Amarintha - d. Daniel and Amarintha Roberts,
 June 28.
 Elizabeth - w. John Graves, Aug. 30.
 Sarah - d. Joseph and Rebecca Bacon, Sept. 1.
 Nathan - s. Nathan and Elizabeth Brownson,
 Sept. 2.
 Ann - d. Parmenas and Martha Way, jr.,
 Sept. 9.
 Benj. Farley - s. Peter and Mary Winn, Oct 14.
 Sarah - d. William and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 20.
 Andrew Way, Oct. 12.
 Cynthia - d. William and Sarah Quarterman,
 Aug. 20.
 Catharine - w. Thomas Baker, Nov. 7.
 John Stevens, Esq., jr., Nov. 13.
 Rebecca - w. John Davis (d. Joseph Andrew),
 Dec. 5.
 Joseph - s. Joseph and Abia Stevens, Dec. 22
 or 23.

1778.

Catharine - w. Thomas Bacon and d. John and
 Ann Winn, Jan. 4.
 Peter Sallins, Feb. 1.
 Mary - d. William and E. Baker, Feb. 22.

Joseph - s. Jonathan and Susanna Bacon,
March 14.

Priscilla Girardeau, March 27.

Lydia - w. John Winn, Sr., May 3.

Martha - d. John and Sarah Winn, May 19.

Marsey - widow Joseph Bacon, Sr., Sept. 5.

(The Church broken up and society driven from Georgia about this time, and began to settle again in the year 1782).

1779.

Sarah - d. Thomas and Sarah Stevens (in
Carolina), Jan. 9.

Sarah - w. Thomas Sumner (in Carolina), Dec. 24.

1781.

John Winn, Esq., Feb. 8.

1783.

Elizabeth - d. John and Sarah Winn, Oct. 9.

William - s. Edward and Mary Sumner, Oct. 11.

Daughter - Edward and Mary Sumner, Sept. 17.

1784.

John - s. John Sandiford.

Elizabeth - w. Joseph Law, March.

In the same year, after her, Elizabeth Spry, her daughter, and soon after Mary, her daughter, then Josiah, her son.

Sarah - w. William Bacon.

1785.

Rebecca - w. Thomas Baker, Jan. 18.

Elizabeth Elliott, widow, March 1.

Mary - w. Thomas Graves, March.

Mary - w. Daniel Swillavant, April 20.

Mary - w. Edward Sumner (I think), May 20.
Nancy or Ann - d. Thomas Sumner, Nov. 2.
Edward Way, Nov. 4.
Mary Jurdine, November.
Elizabeth Fulton, November.
Benjamin Baker, Dec. 1.
John Baker, B, December 6.
Mary - w. William Jeans Baker, Dec. 25.
John Way, Sr.
Thomas Peacock.
Joseph Oswald.
Esther - w. John Osgood.
Thomas Bacon, Jr.

1786.

John Winn, April 13.
John Roberts, April 17.
Robert Quarterman, Dec. 29.
Mary - w. Peter Winn, Dec. 8.
Mary Burr, w. John Andrew.
Mary - d. Jonathan Scarth, Dec. 16.
William Goulding, Dec. 23.
John Lambert, Dec. 28.

1787.

Child - Mrs. Oswald, Jan. 2.
Mary - w. Benjamin Andrew, Jan. 13.
Rebecca - d. William and Sarah Quarterman,
Oct. 19.
Joseph Way.
Child - Josiah Maxwell.
John Bradwell.
Child - Thomas Goulding.
William Harris - s. William Girardeau.

1788.

John Quilling, - Rogers and Samuel Bennett
(killed by Indians), Jan. 9.

Child - Jonathan Scarth, Jan. 10.

Lydia - w. John Foster, Feb. 8.

Mary - w. John Way, Feb. 22.

Ann - w. Edward Sumner, Feb. 28.

Benjamin Elliott - s. Samuel Burnley, March 6.

William Gwin Bradwell, March 10.

Mary - w. Thomas Oswald, March 12.

Sarah Spencer, March 22.

William Baker, R. May 15.

Rebecca - d. John Norman, July 18.

Infant - Mr. Iverson, July 18.

Amarintha - d. Joseph Way, Jr., Oct. 13.

Son - William Quarterman, Sept. 19.

William Quarterman, Jr., (killed by Indians),
Sept. 25.

Elizabeth - w. Thomas Graves, Sept. 8.

Child - " "

Elizabeth - w. John Mitchell, Nov. 3.

William - s. John Elliott, Aug. 15.

Elizabeth - d " " Sept. 20.

John Osgood - s. James Wilson, Oct. 26.

John Hudson, Nov. 5.

Thomas Quarterman, Jr.

Child - Samuel Bird.

James Jeffries, Nov. 12.

John - s. John Stacy, Nov. 15.

Melanchton Lawrence, Nov. 24.

Benjamin Snow, Nov. 25.

Ann - w. James Maxwell, Dec. 12.

David Lambright.

Thomas Goulding, December 12.

Jonathan Scarth, Dec. 17.

1789.

Susanna - w. Samuel Saltus, Jan. 22.
Susanna - w. James Stacy, Feb. 8.
William Baker - s. John Baker, B, April 26.
Peter Goulding, April 27.
Thomas Graves, April 28.
Mary - w. Robert Iverson, May 3.
Ann - d. Edward Sumner, May 6.
Robert Ball, May 8.
Josiah Maxwell, May 11.
William - s. Thomas Stevens, July 23.
Washington Oswald, July 27.
Nathan - s. Nathaniel Taylor, July 29.
Thomas Baker, August.
Sarah - d. Richard Girardeau, August.
Gideon Dowse, December.

1790.

Martha - w. William Baker, B, and child,
Jan. 31.
Elizabeth - w. Samuel Burnley, Jan. 29.
Elizabeth - d. Joseph Quarterman, Feb. 6.
Ann Way (widow), Feb. 11.
John Quarterman, Feb. 17.
Daughter - Thomas Oswald, Feb. 28.
Hugh Bennett, March 20.
Son - John Norman, April 4.
Rebecca - d. Thomas Graves, July 3.
Francis W. - s. Francis Brown, July 15.
Elizabeth - w. John Croft, Aug. 5.
Mary Esther - d. Charles Dunnom, Aug. 11.
Samuel Burnley, Aug. 29.
William Way, Jr., Sept. 8.
Edward - s. William Plowden, September.
John Foster, Sept. 30.
Gideon - s. William and Elizabeth Baker, Oct. 6.

Samuel - s. Samuel Bird, Oct. 19.
John - s. Mrs. Hannah Way, Oct. 16.
James Peacock, Oct. 30.
Mary Fitzpatrick, Nov. 4.
Thomas Oswald, Nov. 26.
Robert Sallet, Nov. 28.
Samuel Saltus, Dec. 2.
Sarah Dunnom, Dec. 21.

1791.

Judy - w. Samuel Bacon, Jan. 18.
George Caldwell, Feb. 8.
Anna - w. Thomas Sumner, March 13.
Ann - w. John Peacock, March 22.
Martha - d. Charles Dunnom, March 31.
Robert Winn, April 28.
Ann Baker, May 5.
John Winn, May 10.
Isaac Smallwood, May 19.
William Stacy, May 23.
Thomas Quarterman, May 31.
John Elliott, June 7.
Archibald Christie, June 17.
Sarah - d. William Goulding, Dec. 19.
Thomas Burnley, Dec. 20.
William - s. William Goulding, Dec. 27.
Sarah - d. Robert and Rebecca Iverson, July 8.
Esther - w. Thomas Shepard, July 22.
Mary - d. John Croft. Aug. 18.
Elizabeth - d. John Mitchell, Jr., Aug. 26.
Arlissa - d. William Quarterman, Sept. 2.
William - s. " " Sept. 12.
Joseph Oswald, Sept. 27.
Mary - w. Elijah Lewis, Oct. 18.
Son - Matthew Bennett, Oct. 30.
William - s. Mrs. Renchie Elliott, Nov. 1.

William - s. Mrs. Renchie Elliott, Nov. 1.
Millicent - d. Joel and Mary Walker, Oct. 31.
Thomas Quarterman - s. John and Rebecca
Norman, Nov. 17.
Rebecca Bacon - d. John and Rebecca Norman,
November 17.
William McCollough, Nov. 18.
Ann - d. Mrs. Mary Miller, Dec. 7.
James Dunham, Dec. 10.
Edward Way, Dec. 23.
Thomas Sumner, Dec. 22.

1792.

Thomas - s. Thomas Sumner, Feb. 5.
Elizabeth Lucas, Feb. 13.
Elizabeth - w. William Baker, Feb. 16.
James Maxwell, Feb. 23.
Daughter - Charles Irvine, March 5.
Elizabeth Sumner, March 8.
Hugh Dowse, March 9.
Rebecca Quarterman, March 15.
Rebecca - d. Joseph Quarterman, March 22.
Jonathan Bacon (murdered) April 7.
John Lambright, Sr., April 19.
Nathan Taylor, May 3.
Margaret - w. John Stacy, May 8.
Hannah - w. James Cole, July 1.
Thomas - s. Thomas and Rebecca Quarterman,
July 29.
Elizabeth Franklin - d. Thomas Cater, July 13.
Samuel - s. Mrs. Margaret Lambright, Aug. 22.
Nancy - d. Whitmarsh Baker, Aug. 30.
Ann Way, Sept. 16.
William - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels, Oct. 1.
Elizabeth Swillivant, Nov. 2.
Josiah - s. James and Mary McCullough, Nov. 2.

Mary - d. James and Mary McCullough, Nov. 8.
Elizabeth - w. William Way, Nov. 7.
Wright Murphee, Nov. 8.
Joseph - s. Joseph and Elizabeth Law, Nov. 13.
Thomas Shepard, Dec. 3.
Martha Bacon, Dec. 10.
William - s. John and Rebecca Norman, Dec. 27.

1793.

Elizabeth Maxwell, widow, Jan. 6.
Richard - s. Richard Girardeau, Jan. 29.
Thomas Swillivant, Feb. 2
John Norman, Feb. 9.
Lazarus - s. Lazarus Mallard, Feb. 11.
Daughter - Whitmarsh and Ann Baker, March.
Samuel Lines, March 23.
Peter Girardeau (killed by Indians), May 9.
Sarah - d. Sarah Bacon, May 14.
Benjamin Saltus, May 30.
Charles Oswald, July 14.
Mary - d. Richard and Ann Girardeau, July 22.
William - s. John and Rebecca Osgood, Aug. 12.
Child - Joseph and Sarah Way, August.
Thomas Sandiford, Oct. 9.
Rebecca Bennett, widow, Oct. 21.
Elizabeth - w. Charles Irvine, Nov. 7.
Ann E. d. William Way, Nov. 18.
William Spencer (killed by fall from horse),
Dec. 26.

1794.

Sophia - w. James Wilkinson, Jan. 3.
Francis Mathis, Jan. 4.
Eliza - d. Joseph Law, Jr., February.
Joseph Andrews (struck by lightning), March 27.
Mrs. Bennett - w. Matthew Bennett, April.

Son - James and Martha Witherspoon.

Sophia - d. Daniel Stewart, July 18.

Sarah - d. Samuel and Ann Spencer.

John Lambright, Dec. 1.

James Wilson, December 10.

William Quarterman, Dec. 20.

1795.

Mary - d. Joseph and Sarah Way, Jan. 3.

Susanna Fielder, January 8.

Thomas Goulding, Feb. 12.

John - s. John and Sarah Fulton.

John Shave, March 11.

Ann Graves, March 22.

Mary - w. William J. Baker, March 24.

Susanna - w. William Baker, Sr., March 25.

Margaret Lambright, April 3.

Samuel - s. Joseph and Eliza Law, Jr., May 23.

John - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels, June 24.

Thomas - s. William Baker, July 13.

Daughter - _____ July 23.

Thomas Hughes, Sept. 7.

Mary _____, Oct. 3.

Elizabeth _____, Oct. 25.

William Francis, Oct. 27.

Rebecca Graves, Nov. 4.

1796.

William Norman, Jan. 16.

Mary Bradwell, Jan. 19.

Son - _____, Jan. 22.

Daughter - _____, Feb. 28.

Andrew Dicks, April 25.

Child - _____, Dec. 26.

1797.

Daughter, - _____, Jan. 8.
Rebecca Girardeau, Jan. 13.
Rebecca Bacon, Jan. 28.
Daughter - _____, Feb. 11.
Thomas Elliott, Feb. 11.
Son - John and Sarah Fulton, March 16.
Son - William and Ann Baker, March 17.
Rebecca Norman, widow, April 21.
Jemima Way, widow, Aug. 2.
Susanna Taylor, Oct. 21.
Marcy Newton - d. John and Eliza Jones, Oct. 29.
Rebecca Osgood - w. John Osgood, Nov. 19.
Mrs. Girardeau, widow, Dec. 22.
Mary - w. Lazarus Mallard, Dec. 26.

1798.

Mary Lowe, widow, Jan. 30.
Gideon Dowse, Feb. 1.
Daughter - Samuel J. Axson, April.
Sarah - w. John Fulton, April 6.
John Way, April 10.
Joseph Baker, May 15.
William Baker Stevens, May 29.
Elizabeth - w. Edward Stevens, June 20.
William - s. James and Mary McCullough, June 20.
Ann Jemima - d. Thos. and Sally Mell, July 9.
Joseph Oswald - s. Daniel and Susanna Stewart,
Sept. 8.
Miriam Eliza - d. Joseph and E. Quarterman,
Sept. 10.
Polly - d. George and Eliza Hughes, Sept. 10.
Son - Samuel Bacon.
James - s. Ann Oswald.
Martha - w. James Witherspoon, Oct. 4.
William Baker, Sr., Nov. 5.

Elizabeth Mary - d. Samuel and Sarah Stevens,
Nov. 19.

Wm. - s. James and Martha Witherspoon,
Nov. 18.

John Mitchell, Sr., Dec. 22.

1799.

William - s. John and Ann Quarterman, Feb. 10.

William Bacon, Feb. 17.

Eliza - w. William Way, Jr., Feb. 25.

Audley Sandiford (supposed to be murdered)
Feb. 25.

Samuel - s. Audley and Mary Maxwell, Feb. 26.

Mary Jeffries, widow, March 12.

Mary Ann - w. Samuel J. Axson, March 20.

Edward Quarterman, April.

William B. Baker, April 23.

Daughter - William and Catharine Fleming.

Daughter - John and Susanna Stewart.

Elizabeth Baker - widow Benjamin Baker,
July 11.

Mary - d. Matthew and Mary Bennett, Oct. 18.

Mary Rebecca - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon,
Nov. 15.

Ann Rebecca - d. William and Ann Bell, Nov. 16.

Susanna - d. Francis and Mary Ross, Nov. 26.

Sarah Stacy, Dec. 31.

Joel Walker, April 19.

1800.

Margaret - w. Josiah Osgood, Jan. 31.

Mary Park, widow, Feb. 8.

Martha - w. Stephen Baker, March 21.

Mary - w. Samuel Law, March 22.

Joseph Stevens, March 29.

Daughter - Edward and Sarah Stevens, April 12.

Mary - w. William Peacock, Aug. 10.
Sarah Margaret - d. John and M. Croft, Aug. 12.
Matthew Bennett, Aug. 15.
Parsheany Lockwoman, Aug. 22.
Josiah Bacon - s. Charles and Christian Stewart,
Sept. 10.
Mary Shepard, widow, Sept. 15.
Mary Thomson - d. Samuel and Mary Jones,
Sept. 18.
Daughter - Joseph and Eliza Law, Sept. 22.
Martha McCollough, Sept. 26.
Charles Francis - s. Mrs. Mary Walker,
Sept. 26.
Hester - w. Dr. Alexander (Sunbury), Oct. 3.
Child - Joseph and Mary Jones, Oct. 13.
Child - Francis and Mary Shepard.
Ann - w. James Wilkinson, Oct. 21.

1801.

Mary - w. Francis Ross, Jan. 30.
Josiah Osgood, Sr., Feb. 8.
Son - Andrew and Ann Walthour, Feb. 4.
Susanna - w. John Stewart, Feb. 8.
Sarah - w. Jacob Wood, Feb. 17.
Elizabeth - w. John Jones, Feb. 27.
Elizabeth - w. Charles Walker, March 5.
Sarah - d. John Osgood, March 24.
Thomas Stevens, Esq., April 7.
Ann - w. William Shepard, April 9.
Thomas - s. Samuel and Mary Jones, April 9.
Benjamin Small wood, May 4.
William Bennett (killed by fall from horse, May 14.
Edward - s. Thomas and Sally Mell, May 16.
Hannah - w. James Roberts, July 1.
Thomas Stevens (killed by fall from horse).
July 6.

Martha - d. William Mell, Oct. 8.
 Sarah - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon.
 Daughter - John Stewart, Nov. 8.
 Sanford - s. Liberty and Susanna Holmes, Nov. 11.
 John - John and Lydia Mallard, Oct. 20.
 Daughter - John and Susanna Bacon, Oct. 17.
 Edward Way - s. John S. and Ann Quarterman,
 Dec. 13.
 Son - Charles and Christian Stewart, Dec. 19.
 Rebecca - d. John Osgood, Dec. 22.
 John Croft, Dec. 24.
 Daughter - Palmer and Jane Goulding, Dec. 27.
 Edward Stevens and Sarah, his wife, Dr. Lathrop
 Holmes, and Sarah, his wife, Mr. O. Stevens,
 Ann Sumner, James Stacy, and William and
 Mary, children of Francis Ross—These nine
 Persons sailed from Newport the 6th of April,
 1801, for New York. The vessel in which they
 sailed has since been taken up a wreck, at sea,
 and no account of the persons.

1802.

Henry Wood, Jan. 4.
 Joseph Winn, Jan. 23.
 Charles Stewart, March 5.
 Richard - s. Richard Norman, May 3.
 Son - Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, July 18.
 Margaret - w. James Graham, July 28.
 William West - s. James Roberts.
 Child - Mrs. Keowan.
 Daughter - Joseph and Mary Jones.
 Daughter - James and Elizabeth Sandiford.
 John B. Girardeau, Nov. 4.
 Daughter - James Graham, Nov. 6.
 Elizabeth - w. James Sandi ord, Nov. 5.
 Philip Wooters, Nov. 19.

Charles Walker, Nov. 20.
Child - Francis and Mary Shepard, Nov. 21.
William E. Way, Nov. 25.
Elizabeth Bennett, widow, Nov. 26.
Sarah Way - widow John Way, November.
Susanna - d. Elias and Sarah Cassels.

1803.

Mary - w. William Girardeau, April 10.
Josiah Osgood, Sr., April 12.
Joseph Law, Sr., April 18.
Margaret Donnom, April 22.
Richard Shave, April 29.
Son - Thomas and Elizabeth Bacon,
Jane - Thomas Shepard, July 14.
Sarah Ann - d. Thomas and Sarah Mallard, July 28.
John Bettis, Aug. 25.
John - John and Hester Elliott, Sept. 7.
Son - John and Susanna Jones, Sept. 7.
Daughter - William and Mary Lambright, Sept. 7.
Rev. Stephen Hoyt, pastor Church at Newport,
Sept. 10.
William Arthur - s. James Graham, Aug. 27.
Daughter - William and Ann Bell.
Daughter - David and Ann Hicks, Sept. 24.
Mary A. Feaster - d. John and Elizabeth Fulton,
Oct. 23.
Samuel - s. John and Elizabeth Fulton, Oct. 26.
Nathaniel Baker, Nov. 25.
Catharine - w. William Fleming, November.
John Spears, Dec. 4.
Mary - w. Francis Shepard, Dec. 17.

1804.

Samuel - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer, Jan. 4.
Mary Law - widow John Law, Sr., Jan. 16.

Ann Norman, Feb. 8.

Son - James Cantey, March 2.

Thomas Lewis (tutor Sunbury Academy), March 3.

Mary - w. Joseph Jones, May 13.

Susannah - d. Daniel and Susanna Stewart, June 7.

Rebecca Jane - d. John and Hester Elliott.

Melenna - d. Joseph and Elizabeth Law, Oct. 5.

Joseph - s. Samuel and Ann Spencer, Nov. 6.

Mary - w. John Roberts, October.

Sarah Winn, widow, December 16.

1805.

Joseph Way, Sr., Jan. 1

Samuel Spencer, Jan. 12.

Lydia Way - d. Jonathan and Mary Bacon, Jan. 14.

Infant - Samuel and Ann Sanders, Feb. 28.

Sarah Stewart - d. John S. and Ann Quarterman,
March 19.

David I. Dicks, March.

John Jones, March 28.

John Mell, April 11.

George Law, April 11.

Josiah Stewart, May 16.

Susanna Catharine - d. Liberty and Susanna
Holmes, June 14.

Mary Susanna - d. Joseph and Elizabeth Quarter-
man, July 11.

John Bacon - s. Joseph and Elizabeth Quarterman,
July 4.

James M. Stuart (cut his own throat), July 16.

Susanna Bacon, July 23.

William Mell, July 24.

Infant - Thomas and Mary Smith, August.

Benjamin Franklin - s. Elias and Sarah Cassels,
Sept. 7.

Dupree Maxwell, Oct. 8.

Sarah R. - d. James Powell, Oct. 25.

Infant - William and Anna Fleming, Dec. 17.

1806.

James McCollough, Jan. 17.

Mary McCollough, January.

James Wilkinson.

Sarah Ann - d. William and Ann Bell, March 14.

John J. Baker, March 15.

Ann Osgood, widow, March 21.

Elizabeth - w. Lazarus Mallard, April 1.

Joseph Andrew - s. Joseph and Martha Way,
June 19.

James Carter, June 20.

James Hervey - s. Hugh and Mary McCollough,
July 19.

Susanna - d. John and Susanna Bacon, July 20.

Son - James and Elizabeth Powell, August.

Sarah - w. Samuel Stevens, Sept. 7.

Child - Samuel and Ann Sanders.

Hannah Gwin - w. William Roberts, Nov. 24.

Susanna Hophmire, Dec. 28.

1807.

Richard Girardeau, Feb. 6.

Thomas E. Law, Feb. 6.

John Osgood, Sr., March 21.

John Edward - s. John and Ann Quarterman,
July 18.

Benjamin Mell - s. William and Sarah Baker,
July 30.

Edward - s. John S. and Ann Quarterman, July 30.

Isaac Lewis.

Mary - w. Nathaniel Law, Sept. 23.

Child - William F. and Ann Bell, Oct. 15.
Ann - w. Andrew Walthour.
Mary - w. Jonathan Bacon, Oct. 26.
Elizabeth Monroe, widow, November.
Robert Beaird, Nov. 15.
Renchie - w. Rev. C. Gildersleeve, Nov. 15.
Elizabeth - w. Jesse Cooper, Nov. 20.
Margaret Pritchard, Nov. 20.
Martha - w. Joseph Way, Nov. 24.
William F. Bell, November.
Stephen Baker, Dec. 15.
Susanna - w. Daniel Stewart, Dec. 20.
Child - James and Elizabeth Powell, Dec. 20.
Susanna - w. Samuel Lewis, Dec. 25.

1808.

William Way, Sr., Jan. 23.
Infant - Thomas and Elizabeth Quarterman,
q Feb. 5.
Dr. A. Porter (murdered himself), Feb. 5.
Elizabeth - w. James Powell, Feb. 11.
Polly - w. Charlton Hines, March 5.
Sarah - w. Thomas Mallard, April 3.
Elizabeth - w. Thomas Quarterman, April 5.
Jane - w. Palmer Goulding, April 22.
Mary Elizabeth - d. Charlton Hines.
Rebecca Girardeau, July 25.
Mary Ann - d. Joseph Way, July 7.
Hugh McCollough, Aug. 21.
Ann Carter - d. John and Hepeworth Stewart,
September.
Sanders Andrew, October.
James Cochran - November.
Mary - w. Peter F. Winn, Dec. 18.
Sarah, widow, Dec. 29.

1809.

Rebecca Wood, widow, Jan. 20.
Ann Oswald, widow, Jan. 29.
Jarenhappuck - w. James James, Feb. 2.
Elijah Lewis, Feb. 5. Charles Law, Feb. 5.
Elizabeth - w. Thomas Bacon, Jr., May .
Henry Bacon, May 21.
Bonette Bacon - w. Henry Bacon, May 25.
John - s. John and Susanna Bacon, Aug. 10.
Harriet - w. Samuel Dowse.
Samuel Francis - s. John McGowen.
Daughter - Hepeworth Baker, Oct. 22.
Thomas Newton - s. Thomas Mallard, Oct. 29.
Son - William N. Way, Oct. 30.
Sarah Rebecca - d. William Baker, Nov. 8.
Sarah Elizabeth -d. Dr. Stevens, Nov. 9.
Elizabeth - d. Samuel Stevens.
Mary - d. John and Lydia Mallard.

1810.

Lewis Shepard, Feb. 13.
Benjamin B. Winn, Feb. 26.
Thomas Baker, Sr., March 6.
Charlotte - widow B. B. Winn, March 9.
Hester - w. Daniel Sullivan, May 1.
Daniel Elliott, May 12.
Daniel Sullivan.
Josiah Bacon, June 25.
Lydia McGowen, widow, June 29.
Susanna Jones, July 1.
Dr. James Dunwoody.
Mr. Ariens (Sunbury).
Son - Benjamin and Cynthia Mell.
Daughter - John Fulton.
Son - Daniel and Hester Sullivan.
Daughter - Daniel and Hester Sullivan.

Daughter - Benjamin B. and Charlotte Winn.
Mary - w. Samuel Stevens, Oct. 3.
James McCollough, Oct. 6.
Child - Joseph and Eliza Law.
Son - John and Rebecca Way, Oct. 27.
John Mallard, Oct. 28.
Sarah Ann - d. John and Sarah Stacy, Oct. 31.
Kitty McLeroth, Nov. 22.
Samuel - s. Samuel Stevens, Dec. 2.
Elizabeth Jurdine, Dec. 3.
Infant - John and Eliza Roberts.

1811.

Thomas Shepard, February.
Ann - w. John S. Quarterman, April 30.
Mary - d. Joseph Norman, Sept. 12.
Ann - w. William Roberts, Sept. 14.
Daniel Edward - s. John McGowan, Sept. 16.
Patience Mell, widow, Sept. 20.
Infant daughter - William Fleming, September.
Son - P. F. Winn, Sept. 29.
Mary Susanna - d. Robert and Rebecca Quarterman, Oct. 15.
Daughter - William N. and Mary Way, Oct. 20.
Sarah Rebecca - d. William and Sarah Baker, Nov. 16.
John - s. John and Susanna Bacon, Nov. 25.

1812.

Infant - s. John and Sarah Stacy, Jan. 10.
Thomas Bacon, Sr., Jan. 26.
Jane - w. Richard S. Baker, Feb. 16.
Adam Alexander (Sunbury), March 3.
Martin Martin, April 1.
Child - Robert Quarterman, March 25.

Laura - d. Joseph Law, Aug. 3.
David G. Holmes, Aug. 8.
Thomas - s. Thomas Stevens, Aug. 31.
Mary Eliza - d. Joseph Law, Sept. 5.
Hester Dunwoody, widow, Sept. 6.
Daughter - M. Mara, Sept. 8.
Jane - d. Nathaniel Law, Sept. 14.
Child - Thomas Stevens, Oct. 1.
Child - William Anderson, Oct. 4.
Child - Joseph Jones, Oct. 8.
Son - T. M. Kallender, Oct. 13.
Daughter - Hepeworth Baker, Oct. 16.
Benjamin - s. Thomas Baker, Oct. 17.
Child - T. M. Kallender, Oct. 2.
Child - John Dunwoody, Oct. 23.
Simon Fraser, Oct. 27.
Child - J. Fulton, Oct. 30.
Ann Arlissa - d. John S. Quarterman, Nov. 19.

1813.

John - s. T. Bradwell, Feb. 15.
Hugh Miller, April 10.
Mrs. Sally Mell, April 17.
Mary - w. John McGowen, May 26.
Sally Winn, Oct. 6.
Child - James Sandiford.
Abiel Winn, Oct. 15.
Robert - s. John Stacy, Oct. 24.
Daughter - John Fulton.
John - s. John Elliott, Oct. 30.
Rebecca - w. Robert Quarterman, Nov. 11.
Child - James Sandiford, November.
Thomas Bradwell, Jr., Nov. 21.
John - s. John Jones, Nov. 24.
Lazarus - s. Thomas Mallard, Dec. 31.

1814.

Hepeworth C. Baker, Feb. 23.

Lazarus Mallard, March 12.

John Howell, March 22.

Daughter - H. C. Baker, July.

Rebecca - w. Thomas Baker, December.

Son - H. C. Baker.

Andrew Rhodes.

1815.

Elias Cassels, Jan. 15.

Thomas Mell.

Charles - s. James Phelps.

William McGowen.

Elizabeth Sumner - d. Joseph Bacon, June 15.

Daughter - James Phelps, June 19.

Ann Miriam - d. Joseph Norman, Aug. 18.

Susanna - w. Moses Way, Aug. 19.

Dorcas Fryer, widow, Aug. 25.

Christian - w. J. Coleman.

Ann - w. M. Andrews, Oct. 1.

Child - General Stewart.

Child - John Dunwoody.

James Graham.

Hester - W. J. Elliott.

1816.

Margaret - w. J. S. Quarterman, Jan. 9.

John Osgood, April 20.

James Powell.

Son - J. A. Cuthbert, May 15.

Son - William N. Way, July 26.

Moses Way.

Son - John Fraser, Aug. 17.

Elizabeth - w. Jonathan Bacon, Oct. 11.

Susanna - d. Joseph Wilson, November.

Wife - Rev. Mr. Murphy, Dec. 23.

Elizabeth - w. Jonathan B. Bacon, December.

Catharine - d. Reb. M. Murphy, Dec. 26.

1817.

Catherine - d. Thomas Baker, Deceased, Jan. 16.
John Robarts, Jan. 28.

Son - W. M. Fraser, Jan. 16.

John Webb (Sunbury), Feb. 2.

Thomas S. Spencer (killed by accident by his
brother William), March 13.

John Bacon - in ant s. James and Sarah Wilson,
March 15.

Mrs. Williams (Byne Swamp, Newport), June 21.

Mrs. Samuel S. Law (Sunbury), June 22.

Edmond - s. Daniel M Stewart, July 1.

Child - William Law, Esq. (Sunbury), July 4.

Mrs. Ham, July 4.

Child - James Holmes, July 11.

Son - Solomon Harper (Newport), July 13.

Child - Mr. Bunkley (near Sunbury), July 16.

Hampden Wilkins (Sunbury), July 20.

Capt. Hathaway (Riceboro), July 21.

Amanda Axson (Sunbury) July 22.

Caroline - d. Dr. Stevens, July 22.

Infant - Dr. Rogers (Sunbury), Aug. 3.

Charles - s. John Elliott, Aug. 6.

Martha Christopher (Sunbury), Aug. 11.

Ann - d. Dr. Roges (Sunbury), Aug. 18.

Daughter - George Sumersall (Sunbury), Aug. 20.

Mrs. John Hathaway - w. John Hathaway, Aug. 27.

Child - John Sumersall (Sunbury), Aug. 29.

Mary - w. Joseph Bacon, Sept. 1.

Thomas Samuel - s. Richard S. Baker, Sept. 3.

Mary - d. Andrew Walthour, Sept. 5.

Mrs. Jones - w. Capt. Joseph Jones, Sept. 8.

Alexander - s. John Stewart, Sept. 13.
Son - Mrs. Haines, Sept. 14.
John Winn, Jr., Sept. 22.
Daughter - John A. Cuthbert, Sept. 23.
Child - Jessee Cooper, Oct. 1.
Mrs. Elizabeth Rees (Sunbury), Oct. 4.
Sarah Matilda - d. John Stevens, Esq., Oct. 5.
Nancy Cubbage (Sunbury), Oct. 24.
Son - W. M. Ladson, Oct. 24.
Son - Dr. Stevens, Oct. 25.
Child - Mrs. Bacon (Newport), Oct. 27.
Daughter - John Elliott, Oct. 31.
Daughter - Mr. Ward (Sunbury), Oct. 31.
Mrs. Joseph Andrews, Nov. 6.
William - s. Jesse Campbell (Col. Island),
Nov. 17.
Sarah - d. Micajah Andrews, Dec. 8.
Mrs. Dr. Thomas Stevens, Dec. 16.
John Winn - s. Thomas Baker, Dec. 23.
Isabella - d. Donald Fraser, Dec. 23.
Infant - John S. Quarterman, Dec. 29.

1818.

Mr. Cox, Jan. 6.
Mrs. Mary Mell, Jan. 8.
Thomas Bradwell, Jan. 8.
Miss E. White (Female Asylum, Sunbury), Jan. 20.
Mrs. Cox, wife of above named, Jan. 20.
Solomon Harper (Newport), Jan. 25.
Hetty Bacon (Col. Island,) Feb. 2.
Dr. Thomas M. Kallender, March 12.
John Stacy, April 7.
George Summersall (Sunbury) May 9.
Dr. Thomas Stevens, May 12.
James Girardeau, May 24.
David Austin (Sunbury), June 4.

William H. - s. W. M. Baker, June 16.
Child - David Carter (Sunbury), June 19.
John Peacock, July 2.
Son - Joseph Bacon, July 3.
Thomas Baker, July 17.
Dr. John Cocke, July 23.
Kitty, Aug. 9.
Mrs. Sarah Fields, Aug. 25.
William Graham, Oct. 27.
James Ladson, Nov. 5.
Infant - Mr. Oglesby.

1819.

Infant - W. M. Baker, Jan. 20
Rev. Thomas S. Winn, Jan. 27.
Infant - W. M. Mell (Riceboro), Feb. 6.
Mary - w. P. Farley Winn, Feb. 9.
Son - Joseph Bacon.
Mrs. McWhir.
Samuel Jones, Jr.
Spencer Christopher.
Sarah - d. Samuel Jones, Sr.
Mrs. Lazarus Mallard.
Three children - Rev. C. O. Screven (Sunbury).
Two children - James Lambright.
Luke Fields.
William James.
Mary - w. William Robarts.
Caroline - w. William Law, Esq.
Hannah Clark.

1820.

Mary Kingston (stranger).
Mary Mallender (stranger).
Nathan Patch, April.
Maj. John Winn, August.

E. S. Law - s. Maj. S. S. Law, October.
 Mrs. Jackson, September.
 Mrs. Ann Ward (Sunbury), September.
 E. S. Mell - s. Thomas Mell, November.
 George Drusilla - d. General Stewart, November.
 John Whitehead - s. John Elliott, Esq., November.
 William Fraser.
 Mrs. Stone.
 John Fulton.
 Sumner Winn - s. O. Stevens, Esq.

1821.

Mrs. Mary Spencer, March.
 Mary Axson, April.
 John Maxwell (H. B.), May 6.
 Mrs. Lewis Hines, August.
 Sarah Ann - D. J. S. Quarterman, Aug. 4.
 Claudius - s. D. M. Stewart, Sept. 27.
 Mrs. Sarah Ann Way, Oct. 8.
 Morgan Mara, Nov. 25.
 Son - Capt. P. H. Wilkins, (Sunbury).
 Child - E. S. Kempton (Riceboro), Nov. 31.
 Mrs. Ann Girardeau, Dec. 4.

1822.

Eliza - w. D. M. Stewart, Jan. 13.
 James Tanner, January.
 William Girardeau, Jan. 21.
 William Bacon, Jan. 22. Benjamin Baker, Feb. 26.
 Capt. William Fleming (died in Alabama), July 1.
 Harriet Newel - d. Rev. Robert Quarterman, (died
 in Alabama), July 7.
 Sarah Girardeau, June 7.
 Mary Ann Fraser, July 11.
 Elbert - s. S. M. Stewart, August.

Collin Alexis - s. Josiah Wilson, Aug. 24.
Master Samuel Manly, Nov. 17
Peter J. Goulding (Burke county), Nov. 17.
Alexander Martin, Nov. 18.
Murdock Murphy - s. John Way, Nov. 21.
Catherine Feaster, Dec. 16.
Sarah - d. S. S. Law, Dec. 16.

1823.

Francis Ross, March 15.
John Stewart, April.
Joseph Oswald - s. D. M. Stewart, July 21.
Ann Sophrinia - d. Josiah Wilson, Aug. 11.
Martha Caroline - d. Josiah Wilson, Oct. 4.
James Lambright, November.
Furman - s. F. R. Whitnell, November.
Benjamin Fuller.
Mrs. Ann Fleming.

1824.

Peter Winn, Feb. 26.
Son - W. E. W. Quarterman, Feb. 20.
Flora - w. Donald Fraser, and infant, May.

1826.

John Lawrence - s. John S. and Susan Quarterman, March 19.
Son - John S. and Susan Quarterman, Feb. 6.

1850.

Eloisa - w. J. B. Mallard, Feb. 17.

1854.

Laura Matilda - d. Capt. Jones, March.
William N. Way, April 10.

John Fraser - s. Simon Fraser, May 11.
Ann Axson. June.
Roswell King, July 1.
Samuel Cassels - s. Rev. Samuel J. Cassels,
July 11.
Mary Ann Fullet, July 11.
Ann Lydia - d. T. Q. Cassels, July 22.
Jane Kallender - d. L. J. and Sarah Mallard,
Sept. 16.
James Newton - s. Capt. and Elizabeth Jones,
Oct. 8.
Rev. Henry J. Stevens, pastor Baptist Church,
Oct. 10.
Dr. Wm. P. McConnell, Oct. 15.
Ella - d. H. H. and Mrs. A. Jones, Nov. 18.
Handley - s. R. Y. and Sarah Quarterman,
October.

1855.

Cyrus - s. L. J. and Sarah Mallard, Jan. 11.
Peter Winn - s. Ezra and Sarah Stacy, Feb. 1.
Lawrence - s. Sidney and Jane Fleming, April 25.
Tallulah - d. Rev. Samuel and Mary Cassels,
May 18.
George - s. R. S. and Mary J. Leonard, June 16.
Thomas - s. Thomas Q. and Mary Cassels,
Nov. 12.

1856.

Simon Fraser, Sr., Jan. 7.
Thomas Alexander - s. Irwin and Sarah Rahan,
Jan. 30.
Nathaniel Varnedow, Feb. 12.
Washington Winn, Feb. 24.
Benjamin Allen, March.

John William - s. Ezra and Sarah Stacy, July.

Elizabeth - w. Col. Maxwell July.

Temperance - w. Rev. Samuel Law, October.

Mary - w. John W. Stacy, Nov. 23.

Dr. Joseph B. Way, Nov. 27.

Louisa - w. W. W. Winn, Dec. 2.

John Shave.

William Shave, Dec. 10.

1857.

Mary - w. W. E. W. Quarterman, Dec. 8.

1858.

Rebecca A. Baker - w. B. S. Screven, May 3.

Charles Edward Maxwell - s. Rev. D. L.

Buttolph, May 17.

Thomas - s. Capt. Mallard, May 27.

CHURCH MEMBERS.

(As the original Records of the Carolina Church seem hopelessly lost, and the Midway Records begin simply with an account of persons received, we have no means of determining, with anything like accuracy, either the names or precise number of the original members. We have a list for 1776, which shows a membership of 125. The Records show that 752 white and 1,238 colored persons have been received in all. Taking the original members at 125, we have a total of 2,115 members during the entire period of the Church's existence from 1754 to 1867, the year of its dissolution. We give below, first, the list of 1776, and after that the names of all the white persons that have been received from first to last. J.S.).

List of Church Members - 18th of May, 1776.

Males.

Benjamin Baker	John Graves
Jonathan Bacon, Sr.	Daniel Roberts
Moses Way	Audley Maxwell
Samuel Saltus	John Sandiford
John Winn, Jr.	Thomas Sumner
William Bacon	Judah Lewis
Richard Shave	Elijah Lewis
John Stevens	Thomas Stevens
John McCollough	Lazarus Mallard
John Winn, Sr.	William Graves, Sr.
John Shave, Sr.	Lyman Hall*

*One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and afterwards elected Governor of the State, and after whom Hall County is named.

Nathan Taylor
 Robert Quarterman
 William Way
 Isham Andrews
 James Cantey
 Samuel Stevens
 Andrew Way
 Benjamin Andrew, Sr.
 John Shave, Jr.
 Thomas Quarterman
 Gideon Dowse
 Joseph Way
 Joseph Lewis
 William Baker, Jr.
 Joseph Stevens
 Peter Winn

Strong Ashmore
 John Osgood
 Thomas Bacon
 Thomas Baker
 Josiah Osgood
 John Stacy
 Joseph Bacon
 Parmenas Way
 John Mitchell
 James Maxwell
 John Bacon
 John Elliott
 Edward Way
 John Stewart
 Joseph McGowen
 William Girardeau

Females.

Hannah Maxwell
 Hannah Quarterman
 Barbara Hauskins
 Sarah Winn
 Sarah Sumner
 Martha Mitchell
 Elizabeth Powell
 Susanna Saltus
 Ann Maxwell
 Mary Sandiford
 Elizabeth Quarterman
 Martha Lines
 Ann Jeffreys
 Mary Goulding
 Sarah Quarterman
 Catherine Bacon
 Martha Way

Sarah Stacy
 Rebecca Graves
 Elizabeth Sumner
 Jane Darling
 Elizabeth Way
 Elizabeth Baker
 Mary Swillavant
 Elizabeth Ballow
 Elizabeth Stevens
 Sarah Stevens
 Mary Shave
 Mary Dunnom
 Elizabeth Ballow
 Rebecca Davis
 Sarah Bacon
 Harriette Way
 Rebecca Andrews

Catharine Bell	Susanna Taylor
Sarah Way	Mary Dunnom
Ann Stevens	Elizabeth Elliott
Mary Osgood	Priscilla Girardeau
Mary Bacon	Rebecca Baker
Lydia McGowen	Rebecca Elliott
Esther Dunwoody	Mary Mallard
Mary Fitzpatrick	Mary Stevens
(other) Sarah Way	Amarintha Roberts
Elizab'h Baker (of W.B.)	Sarah Spencer
Mary Ann Andrew	Rebecca Bacon
Mary Winn	Mary Winn
Susanna Stewart	Mary Way
Esther Screven	Rebecca Girardeau
Demey Lewis	Hannah Baker
Sarah Plummer	Elizabeth Quarterman
Rebecca Winn	Marsey Bacon
Lydia Winn	Mary Andrew
Elizabeth Shepard	

Males.	54
Females	71
Total	<u>125</u>

List of White Members Received.

1754.

Mrs. Hannah Maxwell	John Mitchell
Mrs. Martha Mitchell	

1755.

Richard Baker	Mary Shave
Elizabeth Way	Mrs. Martha Lines
John Quarterman, Jr.	Sarah Way
John Lupton	Hannah Taylor

Mrs. Susanna Andrew
Thomas Way

Elizabeth Baker

1756.

Moses Way
Susannah Sumner
Hannah Massey
James Harley
Thomas Quarterman
Mary Sumner
Mary Donnom
Rebecca Graves

Mrs. Elizabeth Baille
Rebecca Way
Sarah Way
Eliz'h Way (And'w)
Lydia Way
Nathan Taylor
Abigail Gorton
Ann Mitchell

1757.

Samuel Bacon
Audley Maxwell
Daniel Donnom

Isaac Lines
Mrs. Ann Clark

1759.

Joseph Way
Barak Norman
William Swinton
Mrs. Mary Way
Mrs. Elizabeth Ballon
Mrs. Mary Swinton
Thomas Christie
Mary Sumner

Susanna Baker
Anna Andrew
Ann Way
John Humphrey
Elizabeth Sumner
Mrs. Mary Mugguire
Humphrey
Hester Girardeau

1760.

Mrs. Mary Goulding
George Godfrey
William Baker, Sr.
Strong Ashmore
Mrs. Susanna Stewart

John Casper Sterkey
Mrs. Sterkey
Edmond Gilman
Rebecca Ashmore

1762.

Daniel Swillavant
John Goulding
Joshua Clark

James Maxwell, Jr.
John Baker, Sr.
Mrs. Sarak Baker, Sr.

1764.

Samuel Saltus	Mrs. Samuel Stevens
Marmaduke Perry	David Crook
Mrs. Marmaduke Perry	

1766.

Isaac Girardeau	Mrs. Rebecca Davis
Jane Fulton	

1767

Jane Darling	Robert Quarterman
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1768.

Jacob Lewis	Thomas Stevens
Joseph Baker	Mary Sandiford
Elizabeth Simpson	Abram Lewis
Sarah Bosomworth	Gideon Dowse
John Sandiford	Mary Bacon
William Quarterman	Mary McCollough
Mrs. Bennett	James McClelland

1769.

John Osgood	Bebecca Petty
Mary Bacon	Elizabeth Burnley
John Bacon	Sarah Fulton
Sarah Quarterman	

1770.

John Winn, Jr.	Joseph Way
Elizabeth Baker	David Anderson
Rebecca Baker	Mary Baker
William Way	Sarah Quarterman
Thomas Sumner	Sarah Stewart
Harriette Way	Thomas Bacon
Sarah Stevens	Elizabeth Warner
Sarah Sumner	Mary Brown
Lydia Baker	Mrs. Mary Way (Par. Jr.)

1771.

John Elliott	Esther Screven
Mrs. Rebecca Andrews	Thomas Baker
Susanna Andrew	William Bacon
Mrs. Maybank	Joseph Lewis
Hugh Bennett	Mrs. Rebecca Elliott
Isham Andrew	Judah Lewis
Rebecca Girardeau	

1772.

Edward Splat	William Norman
Densy Lewis	Mary Fitzpatrick
Mary Stevens	Catherine Bell
Mrs. Han'h Baker (Wm.)	Edward Way
Mrs. Norman	Mrs. Eliz'h Stevens
Susanna Taylor	

1773.

Richard Shave	Sarah Way (Joseph)
James Cantey	Sarah Way (other)
Mrs. Sarah Plummer	Elizabeth Quarterman

1774.

William Baker	Mary Donnam
Mrs. Rebecca Winn	W. William Bacon (Sr.)
Mrs. Amarintha Roberts	Mrs. Ann. Stevens
Mr. Frasier	Mrs. Eliz'h Baker

1776.

Joseph McGowen	John McCollough
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1777.

Peter Winn	Lazarus Mallard
Mrs. Rebecca Bacon	Mrs. Mary Winn
Joseph Bacon	

(The Meeting House burned and the Church broken up in 1778.)

1786.

Edward Sumner
Jemima Way
William Girardeau
Ann Oswald
William H. Cassels
Mrs. Margaret Goulding

Sarah Girardeau
Mrs. Mary Mallard
Ann Sumner, (Thos.)
John Norman
Ann Goode
Rebecca Norman

1787.

Mary Stacy

1789.

Mrs. Renchie Quarterman

Mary Fleming

1790.

Mrs. Sarah Corneliason
Nathaniel McCollough

Mrs. Mary Sallens
Mrs. Mary Maybank

1791.

Robert Iverson
Mary Osgood
William McCollough
Thomas Bradwell

Samuel Lines
Hannah Way
Sarah Sumner
Mrs. Richard Shave

1792.

Mrs. Mary Lowe
Phillip Wooters
Dr. Lathrop Holmes
Mrs. Marg'r McColloguh
Mrs. Rebecca Iverson
Mrs. Mary Baker (Wm. J.)
John Stacy
Mrs. Ann Spencer (Sam'l)
Mrs. Hannah West.

Mrs. Margaret Stacy
Mrs. Martha Winn
John Whitehead
Elizabeth Bannett
Joseph Way, Jr.
James Girardeau
John Roberts
Mrs. Mary Walker

1793.

William Norman

Joseph Stevens

Mrs. Rebecca Norman
Ann Quarterman

Samuel Stevens
Susanna Quarterman

1794.

Mrs. Elizab'h Quarterman
Susan'a Baker (Sunbury)
John Fulton

Mrs. Sarah Fulton
Ann Osgood

1796.

Hugh McCollough
Mrs. Elizabeth Sandiford
Mrs. Isaac Dubose

Isaac Dubose
Thomas Cox
Dr. Liberty Holmes

1797.

James Witherspoon

Micajah Andrews

1798.

Mrs. Sarah Stacy
Francis Ross
John Mell

Samuel Spencer
Paul Fulton

1799.

Thomas Mell
John Bacon

Susannah Bacon
Mrs. Sarah Stevens
(Edw.)

1800.

John S. Quarterman
Mrs. Ann Quarterman
Mrs. Susannah Holmes

Mrs. Kowen
Joseph Winn

1801.

Mrs. Burford
Mary Lewis
Jane Andrews
Sarah Stevens
Mrs. Elizabeth Maybank
Mrs. Mary Stevens

Susanna Jones
Mrs. Ann Walthour
Elizabeth Fulton
Mary Jones
Mary McCollough

1802.

Thomas Bacon	Mrs. Patience Mell
William Fleming	Daniel Miller
Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon	Mrs. Nathaniel Baker
Mrs. Catharine Fleming	Mrs. Rebecca Wood
John Mallard	John Osgood, Jr.
Mrs. Ann Way (W. E.)	Mrs. Lydia Mallard

1803.

Thomas Mallard	Mrs. Phelps
Mrs. Joseph Baker	Mrs. Col. L. McIntosh
Mrs. Sarah Mallard	Mrs. Isaac Lewis
Mrs. Hodge (Licentiate)	Mrs. Fraser
Mrs. John B. Girardeau	Mrs. J. Lewis

1804.

Mrs. Hunt (Sunbury)	Timothy Heaves
Mrs. Mary Osgood (Jno. Jr.)	Martin Martin
Mrs. Susanna Stewart	Mrs. Mary Smith
Mrs. Martha Bacon	

1805.

William Mell	Martha Mell
Mrs. Martha Way (Jos.)	John Martin
Mrs. James Wilkinson	Mrs. Martin Martin

1806.

James McCollough	Mrs. Elizabeth Bowler
Mrs. Mary Bacon (J'nth'n)	Mrs. John Martin

1807.

Mrs. Ann Lawson	Oliver Stevens
Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens	Mr. McIntosh
Robert Hendry	Mrs. Hester Elliott

1808.

Mrs. Mary Wilson (Josi'h)	Mrs. Ann Bell
Margaret Irvine (Sav'h)	Jane Peacock

1809.

Thomas Baker, Sr.	Robert Quarterman
Mrs. Morris	Mrs. Rebecca Baker
Mrs. Van Yeverer (Sunb'y)	James Phelps
Lydia Pierce	William Baker
Mrs. John Dunwoody	Mr. Alexander (Sunbury)

1810.

James Powell	Mrs. Rebecca Shepard
Mrs. John Wilkins	Thomas Goulding
Mrs. Margaret Maxwell	Jed'n Fields (Sunbury)
Betsey Alexander	John McGowen
James Sandiford	Thomas Shepard
John Wilkins	Mrs. Ann Pray
Mrs. Maxwell	Mrs. Ann Maxwell
Jane Irvine	Mrs. Sarah McGowen
Mrs. Sarah Sandiford	Mrs. D. G. Holmes
P. H. Wilkins	Mrs. Cynthia Mell
Mrs. Amarintha Stevens	Mrs. Arnette Ariens
R. B. Law	Mrs. Sarah Baker

1811.

Mrs. Mary Bacon (Jos.)	Mrs. Anna Goulding
Mrs. Mary Norman (Jos.)	

1812.

Amarintha McGowen	Thomas Baker
John Ashmore	Mrs. Jurdine
Mrs. Rebecca Way (Jno.)	John O. Baker
John Way	Mrs. Shumate

1813.

Joseph Law	Mrs. Jane Kellendar
Eliza Martin	William Fraser
Mrs. N. Law	Mrs. Laretta Martin
Eliza Phelps	Donald Fraser

Mrs. Elizabeth Law
 Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell
 Mrs. Hepeworth Baker
 P. F. Winn
 T. M. Kallender
 Elijah Baker
 Mrs. Priscilla Lewis
 Mrs. S. Jones (Mary

Thomas Stevans
 William McGowen
 Mrs. Eliza Winn
 William Ladson
 Catharine Feaster
 Mrs. Stone
 John Fraser
 Andrew Rhodes

1814

Mary Feater
 Mrs. Mary Wilkins (Saml)
 Sarah Manly
 Mrs. Mary Way (W.N.)
 Mary A. Girardeau

Benjamin Baker
 John Winn
 John Maxwell
 Mrs. Flora Fraser
 Joseph Norman

1815.

John A. Cuthbert
 Nathaniel Martin
 John Dunwoody
 Margaret Cassels

Mrs. Ashmore
 William N. Way
 Hampden Wilkins
 James Smylie

1816.

John Elliott
 Cyrus Gildersleeve
 Mrs. E. Quarterman

Eliza G. Roberts
 B. Law
 Mrs. L. Cuthbert

1821.

Mr. Goodson
 Mrs. John Smylie
 Moses Way
 Master Wm. Fleming

John Way
 Mrs. Goodson
 Harriet Moore

1822.

Ann Andrews
 John W. Stacy
 Susan M. Jones
 Susan Way

Robert Laing
 Charles C. Jones
 Margaret Norman
 Jonathan Bacon

Eliza Maxwell
 Mrs. Ann Baker
 Elizabeth Bacon
 N. Butler
 Sarah Bacon
 Sarah Spencer
 Mary McGowen
 Joseph Hargreaves
 Sarah Smith
 Mary Roberts
 Eliza Stacy
 Evelina Dunham
 Thomas Quarterman

Adaline Fabian
 Mary Bacon
 Eugene Bacon
 Sarah Fabian
 Mrs. Sarah Norman
 Gen. D. Stewart*
 Samuel Lewis
 Miss Reed
 W. W. Quarterman
 Sarah Mallard
 Mary Slee
 Harriet Baker
 Simon Fraser

1823.

Mary Winn	Francis R. Almida
Mrs. Laing	Joseph Way
Master Sam'l J. Cassels	David Laing
Mrs. Emily L. McGowen	

1825.

Jos. F. McGowen	Robt. Q. Andrews
Esther Dunwoody	

1826.

Maj. Andrew Maybank	Mrs. Sarah A. McConnell
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1827.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baker	Wm. P. Girardeau
Mrs. Jane Girardeau	John Mallard
James Martin	Mrs. Sarah Spencer
Sarah A. Sanders	Ezra Stacy
Isabella S. Hardy	Samuel Way
William Martin	John Girardeau

*After whom Stewart county is named.

Sarah A. Winn
 Julia R. Underwood
 William Spencer
 Master Jas. Dunwoody
 Serena Way

Mrs. Elizabeth Nelms
 John Baker
 Samuel Sepncker
 Elizabeth Laing

1828.

Harriet Lewis

Mrs. Caroline Russell

1830.

Mrs. Frances Valley
 Thos. W. Quarterman
 Mrs. Margaret Fulton
 Mrs. Ann M. Maxwell
 Dr. Raymond Harris
 Jane Quarterman

Silas Fulton
 William Jones
 James McCullough
 Mrs. Mary Harris
 David Miller

1831.

Joseph Maxwell
 E. W. Quarterman
 Rev. John Baker
 Josiah W. Dunham
 Master Cyrus Mallard
 Thos. G. Way
 Mrs. Susan Quarterman
 Mrs. Sarah Roberts

Chas. W. West
 Mary Martin
 Joseph Roberts
 Eliza Bacon
 Peter Winn
 John E. Ward
 Rebecca Norman

1832.

Henry Russell
 James Laing
 Sarah J. Varnedoe
 Master John Norman
 Lemuel Wilson
 Master Jos. W. Bacon
 Adaline Way
 Dr. J. M. B. Harden

Dr. John H. Hardee
 Mary S. Way
 Sarah Martin
 Francis Wilson
 John G. Fulton
 William Lang
 Sarah Norman
 William Roberts

Mrs. Smith (Walthourv.)	Master Thos. Baker
Saml. W. McW. Varnedoe	William Fulton
Susan Wilson	Ann C. Varnedoe
Jane R. Varnedoe	Mrs. Elizabeth Baker
Hannah West	John Jones
Master Richard Q. Way	

1833.

Master Jos. C. Wilkins	Mrs. Jennet Stevens
Master Hugh Roe	

1834.

Drusilla Lewis

1835.

William LeConte	Mary W. Manning
Mrs. William LeConte	Sarah E. Shave
Maria McIntosh	

1838.

Mrs. Eleanor Randolph	Rebecca L. Mallard
John B. Barnard	Miss Shave, (Jr.)
Isabella Fraser	Wm. S. Norman
Mrs. John B. Barnard	Mary Coleman

1839.

Mrs. Jesse Cooper	Mrs. Mary Leonard
William Dunahm	Martha C. Fulton
Mrs. Ann Dunham	Jrs. Julia King.

1840.

Thos. S. Winn	Henry Stevens
Lazarus J. Mallard	Ann Irene Quarterman

1841.

Harriet Mann	Hannah M. Varnedoe
Mrs. Samuel Baker	Master Henry Way
Mrs. Rebecca Axson	

1842.

Master Samuel Sepncker	Col. Wm. Maxwell
Hetty Quarterman	Harriette Mallard
Claudia Varnedoe	Thos. W. Normas
Martha Handley	Sarah Way
Master Jos. Quarterman	Sarah Handley
Master George Handley	Robt. Y. Quarterman
Master Nath'l Varnedoe	R. Ann Baker
Mrs. Sacharissa Jones	Ann Mallard
Matilda Varnedoe	Irwin Rahn
Master Nathaniel Way	Sarah Mell
Susan Anderson	E. D. Sanford
Mrs. Ann McConnell	L. Matilda Baker
Rebecca McGowen	Jos. A. Anderson
Cgas. Haywood	Jane Dunham
Master Leander Varnedoe	Eliza Cassels
Catharine McConnell	Mrs. S. M. Varnedoe

1843.

Mrs. Ann Axson	Sarah Quarterman
Mrs. Mary Quarterman	

1844.

Robt. T. Quarterman	Master Donald Fraser
Mrs. Will'mina Quarterman	Marion Fraser
William Coleman	

1845.

Master James Stacy	Jos. Norman
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1846.

Mrs. Frederica Grest	Henry Jones
Margaret M. Fraser	John Fraser

1847.

Mrs. J. D. Stevens	Mrs. Louisa Winn
Master John McGowen	Sarah J. Norman
Lafayette S. Quarterman	

1848.

John G. Fulton
Mrs. John C. Fulton

Mrs. Ann Stevens
Rosa Jones

1849.

Mary Baker.

Mary E. Stacy

1850.

Mary Sharpe Jones

Mrs. Hannah Way

1851.

Valeria Cassels
Mrs. Sarah M. Walthour

Harriet A. Newell

1852.

Emma Quarterman
James N. Jones
Master Joseph Miller
John Cassels
Harriet Spencer

W. H. Baker
Robt. Q. Mallard
Jonn E. Baker
Ellonisa Miller

1853.

Orilla Quarterman
Master Robt. Quarterman
Master Thos. Q. Cassels

Audley King
Master Edgar Way

1854.

Mary J. Martin
Edward Axson
Mrs. Maria Stacy
Randolph Axson

Mrs. John Winn
Dr. Jos. B. Way
John Mann

1855.

Jno. W. Stacy, Jr.
Master Thos. Mallard
Wm. S. Baker
Master Robt. Q. Cassels
Simon A. Fraser

Ann E. Winn
Rebecca E. Busby
Julia V. Winn
Leonora Jones
Matilda J. Harden

Ann M. Spencer
 Susan Harris
 Ann C. Varnedoe
 Florida A. Way

Corrinne Way
 Ann C. Quarterman
 Corrinne Quarterman

1856.

Laura Martin
 Mary Stacy

Mrs. Sarah Wilkins

1858.

Jno. W. Quarterman
 Mary Bradwell
 Master James Kottman
 Mrs. Sarah L. Mallard
 Mast'r Cyrus W. Mallard
 Master William Way
 Mrs. Mary A. Varnedoe

Oglethorpe Varnedoe
 Mr. W. Mallard
 Ann E. Delegal
 Mrs. Rebecca Shave
 Mrs. Jane Trask
 Margaret E. Mann

1859.

Madison Bacon
 Joseph Wm. Rahn
 Lilian Anderson
 Laura I. Palmer
 Luther M. Cassels
 Jos. S. Spencer
 Josephine E. Mann
 Lawrence W. Norman
 Mary J. Fleming
 Edmond B. Way
 John Edward Martin
 Lydia C. Quarterman
 Elizabeth O. Winn

Walter Way
 Sarah S. Spencer
 Edwin F. Palmer
 Rosalie Norman
 R. L. Quarterman
 Joseph B. Martin
 Thos. G. Stacy
 Anna L. Martin
 James S. Cosby
 Samuel J. Rahn
 Clarence V. Winn
 Flora E. Fraser
 Master Edw. C. Way.

1860.

Alex. M. Fraser
 Charles A. Alexander
 Joel C. Bristow
 Dr. R. Q. Stacy

Sarah Al. Stacy
 Wm. John Way
 Mrs. Jane Way

1861.

Ella McConnell
Chas. F. Way
Theodosia McConnell
Mrs. H. M. Stevens.

Wm. H. Martin
Mrs. Mary Thomson
Dr. S. J. Jones

1862.

Miss M. L. Stevens
Mrs. W. S. Norman

Mary A. Norman
Sarah Ele. Winn

1863.

Wm. H. Harrison
Mary S. Norman
Jas. D. McConnell
Sarah E. Martin
Sam'l Law Fleming
Elizabeth Sarah Way
Jennette Delegal

Mrs. Sarah S. Harrison
Q. Way Bacon
Mrs. Susan Muller
Wm. Jos. Mallard
Jacob Rochimbeau
Mary C. Harrison
Ida R. McConnell

1864.

Georgia S. Way
Shepard Quarterman
Rebecca Quarterman
Wm. Harden
Mr. Claudius Quarterman

Wm. B. Trask
Mrs. C. A. Parsons
Leonora E. Trask
Catherine A. Trask

Rosa Jones.

1865.

Lauretta Mann
Walter O. Cassels

Miss J. King

1866.

Alice Mallard

1867.

R. G. Baker

Whole White Members added

Whole Colored Members added 1,238

Original Members, about 125

Total 2,115

CHURCH OFFICERS.

Ministers Midway Church.

- Rev. John Osgood, 1735-1773.
Rev. Mosen Allen, 1777-1778.
Rev. Abiel Holmes, 1785-1791.
Rev. Cyrus Gildersleeve, 1791-1811.
Rev. Murdock Murphy, 1811-1823.
Rev. Robert Quarterman, 1823-1847.*
Rev. I. S. K. Axson (co-Pastor) 1836-1853.
Rev. T. S. Winn (co-Pastor), 1848-1855.
Rev. D. L. Buttolph, 1854-1865.
Rev. John F. Baker, (Assistant Pastor), 1855.
Rev. Francis H. Bowman (co-Pastor) 1856-1859.

Temporary Supply.

- Rev. Richard M. Baker, 1851.
Rev. John Winn, 1853.
Rev. R. Q. Mallard, 1855.

Deacons of Midway Church.

- William Baker, 1754-1767.
John Winn, 1767-1786.
Thomas Quarterman, 1785-1791.
Thomas Stevens, 1785-1801.
William Quarterman, 1791-1794.
William Baker, Sr., 1795-1798.
Peter Winn, 1798-1824.
James McCollough, 1801-1806.
Lazarus Mallard, 1806-1814.
John Stacy, 1808-1818.
Robert Quarterman, 1811-1823.

William Fleming, 1816-1820.
Joseph Law, 1820-1829
Thomas Mallard, 1820-1861.
Moses W. Way, _____ 1831.
John S. Quarterman.
John O. Baker, _____ 1836.
Samuel Jones, 1834-1836.
John Dunwoody, 1836-1838.
Nathaniel Varnedoe, 1836-1856.
W. E. W. Quarterman, 1836 _____
Samuel Spencer, 1836.
Ezra Stacy, 1838-1865.
John B. Mallard, 1838.
Edward Quarterman, 1850-1863.
Thomas Q. Cassels, 1857-1865.
J. O. Varnedoe (elected), 1866.

Clerks.

Benjamin Baker, 1754-1776.
James Andrew, 1766-1771.
Benjamin Baker, 1771-1785.
Thomas Baker, 1785-1787.
William Baker, 1790-1798.
John Stacy, 1798-1818.
John Winn, 1818-1820.
Josiah Wilson, 1821-1824.
John W. Stacy, 1824-1854.
Lazarus Mallard, 1854-1867.

*Continued honorary pastor until his death in 1849.

MEETING HOUSE.

There have been four houses of worship: The first, a temporary structure, built of logs. The second, a frame building, erected toward the close of the year 1754, 44 x 36 feet, with a gallery 18 feet in the story, with a pitched roof, hipped at one end and a small steeple at the other, the steeple in the West and the pulpit North. This house was burned by Col. Provost and the British in 1778. The third, a coarse building, put at the close of the Revolution, with posts in the ground and sides filled with poles; enlarged in 1785, with a shelter at the South for the accommodation of the Negroes. The present house, a framed one (see frontispiece), was erected in 1792. It had a pulpit, with a quaint old-time sounding board overhead, which the writer distinctly remembers seeing when a child, at the East side, and three doors, one in each end and one in the West side. In 1849 the pulpit was removed to the North end, the gallery extended to three sides opposite and two of the doors closed, leaving only one entrance at the South.

On the opposite page we give a cut of the old white Meeting House, Dorchester, S. C., as it may be interesting to see the house in which our forefathers worshipped before their removal to Georgia.

Present Conditions.

Owing to the dismissal of thirty-four members in May, 1855, to constitute the Walthourville Church, and seventy-one in October, 1865, to form

the Church at Flemington, the withdrawal of the entire colored membership and the prospective organization of a Church at Dorchester, together with the general change of things occasioned by the disasters of the war, the church became virtually extinct soon after that event, the date of the last inscription in the Session Book being October, 1867. The Society is still in existence, and holds its annual re-unions, but the waning interest on part of the rising generation, shows too clearly that the time is not far distant when the Record will be completed and sealed up forever, and the grand old Church, with its wonderful history and hallowed memories, will be a thing of the past, a theme only for the poet and subject for the pen of the historian.

